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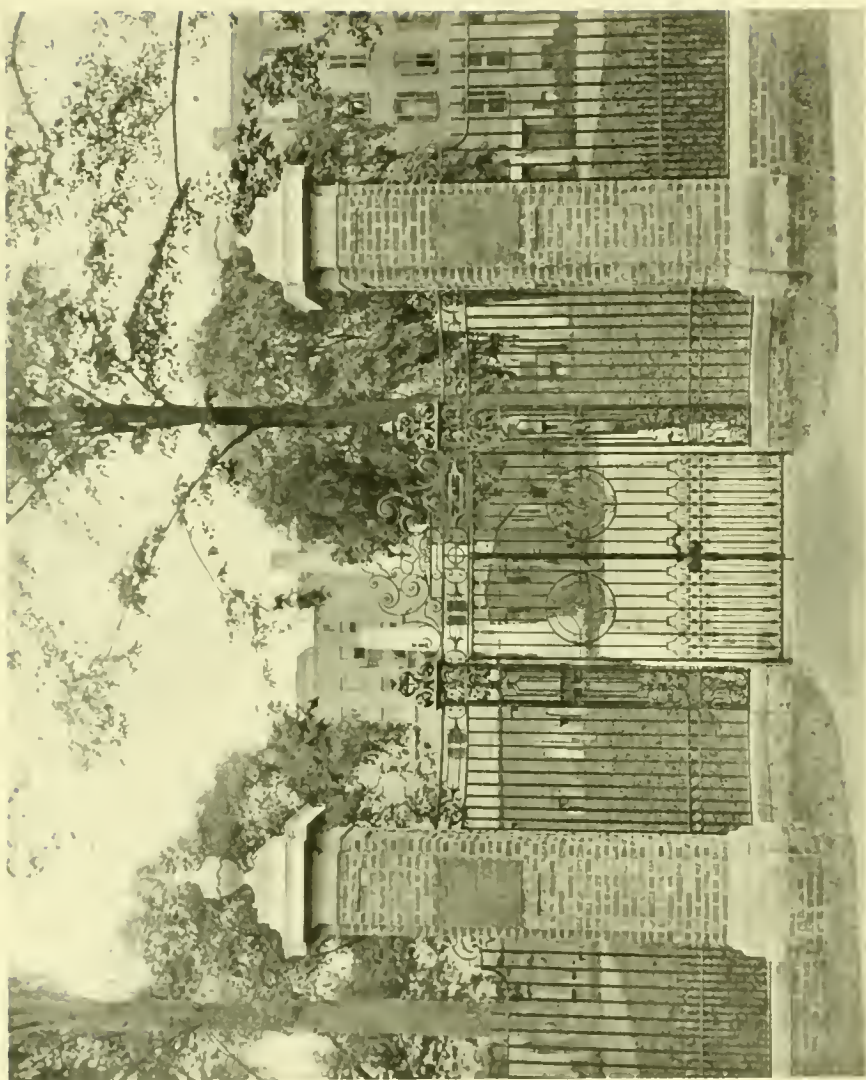
RESTORATION
OF THE
ANCIENT BURYING-GROUND
OF HARTFORD

AND THE
WIDENING OF GOLD STREET

WITH LISTS OF CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GENERAL FUND AND OF
DESCENDANTS WHO CONTRIBUTED FOR THE PRESER-
VATION OF FAMILY MONUMENTS

BY THE
RUTH WYLLYS CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Entrance to Ancient Burying-ground of Hartford.
Haynes Memorial Gateway, 1900. Presented by the Misses Stokes of New York.
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REPORT

PRESENTED BY THE REGENT TO THE RUTH WYLLYS CHAPTER.

(Printed by Unanimous Vote of the Chapter.)

MEMBERS OF RUTH WYLLYS CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION:

IN response to many requests for a story of the "Gold Street and Cemetery Work," I long since promised to give it in full, when the labor should be completed. Upon such completion, however, I found myself quite unable to fulfill my promise. Tired nerves forbade any further thought or work upon the too interesting and exciting subject, and I was ordered to forget, for a time, the labors which had so engrossed me. After two years of "total abstinence," however, I can indulge in reminiscences of those events connected with the great improvements, and I am happy to give you the long-delayed narrative.

I will ask you to excuse the frequent use of the objectionable first pronoun. I tried to avoid it, but in so personal a statement the simple and direct method seemed, in many instances, preferable.

On October 31, 1896, this Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, by unanimous vote decided to enter upon an undertaking to improve the ancient cemetery and save, if possible, the fast-decaying gravestones. I appointed a cemetery committee, consisting of Mrs. William N. Pelton, Mrs. Francis Goodwin, Miss Mary K. Talcott, Mrs. J. L. Havemeyer, Mrs. Henry Ferguson, and at a later period Mrs. J. H. Cone was added. By vote of the Chapter this committee was authorized to do such work upon the stones as seemed in their judgment desirable. The question of what to do, and how to do it, was a seriously perplexing one. We had but sixty dollars to spare from our treasury, and this did not furnish much of an outfit with which to accomplish a transformation in what was probably one of the most dilapidated though historic and interesting cemeteries in the land. The idea of this improvement and restoration was not a new one to me. When, four years previous, I undertook the organization of this Chapter, consenting to serve as Regent, it was for the purpose of aiding in such a work, which seemed to me the patriotic duty of patriotic women. Of this matter I had conversed with Dr. Walker, and, on a more recent occasion, pledged him the support of the Chapter whenever the labor should be inaugurated.

To enlist the sympathies of the members of the Chapter and turn their attention into the desired channels, I asked Dr. Walker to give his views regarding the ancient burying-ground, which resulted in that most valuable paper delivered before this body January 24, 1895, and which was the first of that long series of events which has since come to be recognized as the "Cemetery and Gold Street work," and which has accomplished the full redemption of our city's historic burial-place. Dr. Walker wished that the Gold Street tenements might be abolished, but entertained little hope of such an occurrence, and in the various conversations I held with him later on the subject he expressed the belief that such a possibility had passed, the fatal blow having been received at a town meeting in 1890, when

Hartford's citizens voted against such a measure. In his paper Dr. Walker gave fully the history of the old cemetery, and in conclusion said: "And now what ought to be done? What ought to be accomplished is the perpetual sanctification of what is left of the ancient ground, and its opening to the better access, not of human approach alone, but of sunshine and air, and its proper adornment as an attractive and ornamental spot in the center of our city. The very least which can be aimed at is such a result as was proposed by Judge Adams's resolution, 'overwhelmingly rejected' in town meeting, 1890, viz.: A removal of the Gold Street buildings on the south side of the burying-ground—themselves a disgrace to the vicinity and a source of offense to the locality, upon which, from the windows, old



General View of Old Burying-ground before Restoration in 1899.

shoes, tin cans, and excremental filth are often thrown—and the grading down to a sweet and pleasant sward of the space thus opened to air and sunshine and observation. This would be a great point gained, but a larger and better scheme still would be the removal of all the buildings on the north side of Gold Street through to Wells Street. Can nothing be done? Is there not public spirit enough in Hartford in some way to accomplish this result in honor of the fathers whose graves lie so dishonored close to our very doors? If impossible to secure appropriations from the city, *does not the voice of duty* call upon individuals to accomplish such a work?"

In the summer of 1896, Dr. Walker suffered a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered. Not only was one side of his body stricken, but his noble powers

of speech were silenced during the few remaining years of his life. This calamity seemed to me a necessary conclusion of any project for the widening of Gold Street, and I accepted the disappointment of my hopes as best I might, feeling sorely that God's dispensations come often in most mysterious forms, and that truly "Man proposes, but God disposes," and with this disposition of my object in holding the honored position of Regent, and believing firmly in rotation of office, I engaged my thoughts upon a method of office-holding in our Chapter, and formulated our present system of rotation, which has resulted so favorably as to become adopted elsewhere to quite an extent. I presented my resignation to your Nominating Committee, and great was my surprise and consternation when I learned that it was not accepted. Through courtesy to the valued chairman of that Committee, Mrs. Nathaniel Shipman, I reluctantly consented to give the matter further consideration, firmly resolved, however, to adhere to my original decision; but in spite of such resolutions, that "voice of duty" invoked by Dr. Walker began its summons. I was unable to silence it, to hide from it, or in any way escape this phantom despot. The words "the work must be done,—*you* must do it," followed me relentlessly. One day, bleak and windy, I stood in that silent church-yard whither the voice had led me; a scene of desolation indeed, with the crumbling memorials about me; each wail of the sighing wind shook the branches of the aged trees and seemed to my excited nerves whispers of reproach, and in mournful cadence I heard the voices of many asking "*why* I waited." But still I resisted—a very coward's spirit within said, "No, no, I cannot; let me help others, but ask me not to lead." Suddenly, as an echo from my girlhood, came tones I had heard on that very spot, when, a bride and a stranger in Hartford, the land of my ancestors, my father had taken me to that sacred enclosure; had pointed out the family names on the central monument, of which there were many, and in eloquent words told me of that band of Puritans who had wrought deeds of momentous value to the world, and to whom we owed a measureless debt of gratitude, and with extreme sadness spoke of the dishonor and neglect into which this sacred ground had fallen.

Again I heard that beloved voice—one I had never disobeyed—and as I listened once again to the dear, authoritative tones—so long a time now silent,—the habit of obedience was strong enough to prompt instant submission. I rebelled no longer against the "voice of duty," but then and there consecrated my every power to the work of redemption.

It has been truly a labor of love, and in my own mind an affectionate memorial to an honored father, and the glad fulfillment of what I believed would be his wish.



With Mrs. Pelton, the very able chairman of the Cemetery Committee, I visited the cemetery immediately after the vote passed on October 31, 1896, and inspected the situation. Dubious, truly, was the outlook. The stones had suffered most serious decay, and in unsteady fashion leaned this way and that. Owing, probably, to the extreme dampness of the situation, they had become disintegrated to an unusual degree, and the overhanging branches of many large and aged trees not only excluded the saving quality of the sunlight, but, too old and tender to resist a powerful wind, were a constant menace to the very existence of the fragile monuments beneath, a single blow from a falling branch being sufficient to crush them into fragments. Our first thought had been of lead caps placed on the stones to protect them from the insidious inroads of dampness; these were used in Salem and other places, but we were assured by Mr. Stephen Maslen that they would be useless in this particular location.

There had been for years an "Ancient Cemetery Association," of which Mr. John C. Parsons was president. He was greatly interested in this old ground, and through his personal labor, money had been raised, and under his supervision the grass and the many walks were kept in good condition, and the borders neatly trimmed; but neither he, nor his Association, had any power to control the Gold Street tenements, and moral as well as material filth desecrated the very atmosphere. I felt keenly that a little work from us would be but temporizing with destructive forces, and only labor lost. To accomplish anything satisfactory, the work must be heroic; we must arouse a powerful interest on the tide of which money would pour in, and the buildings on Gold Street be swept out of sight. Then we could create a real redemption, secure a fine avenue on which, most honorably placed, should be that old burying-ground. Conspicuous in the very center of the city's busy life, it would become an object lesson to our youth of the qualities we would have them respect, admire, and emulate. It would accentuate, surely, the very highest types of Americanism, and it seemed to me particularly appropriate for a band of earnest, patriotic women, organized for the promotion of true patriotism, to undertake this work and bring into view a spot full of noble suggestions. Not alone would they thus revere the examples and traditions of the historic past, but secure to the present very practical advantages in a much-needed thoroughfare from Main Street to the west. (I will here say that not until Jewell Street is widened can the full measure of this improvement be realized.) Some years previous an effort had been made to widen Gold Street to a forty-foot avenue, leaving a forty-foot building lot between the northern line and the church (the space from the City Hotel to the church edifice being eighty feet). A committee was appointed, of which Hon. Leverett Brainard, then Mayor of our city, was chairman. Drawings of the proposed layout were made, and considerable interest exhibited. It was, however, "overwhelmingly rejected" at a town meeting, 1890. The reason given me was that the citizens of Hartford objected to being taxed for a measure which should so very greatly increase the value of property on the south side of Gold Street. When I innocently inquired why the owners could not be taxed more in proportion, I was good-naturedly laughed at, but a train of thought was started which in time worked out a practical and effective plan. As Mrs. Pelton and I stood upon that dreary spot, well-nigh discouraged, a picture rose before me. It was one I had before dimly contemplated—one of almost miraculous change in that yard, so rich in historic quality, so sacred with ties of kinship. A picture of purity and cleanliness, reverence and beauty; even

the complete transformation of this desecrated yard into a cherished spot, the pride and glory of Hartford, and this picture was my inspiration; through long months of work and weary waiting, I had but to draw the veil from before this lovely view, and hope and enthusiasm were rekindled and an impetus received for further labor.

The amount of the appropriation of sixty dollars was that autumn spent in repairing a few stones and recutting or "sinking" inscriptions of some that were barely legible, and we had the satisfaction of feeling that we had made a beginning. But I had pledged myself to a work much beyond such simple outlines. The plan I formed, and which seemed to me direct, very fair, comprehensive, and quite practicable, was this: That the Chapter should, as a patriotic work in connection



Gold Street, looking East. Cemetery Fence Presented by Mr. James J. Goodwin, of Hartford.
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with the saving and improving of Hartford's Ancient Burying-ground, raise a certain sum of money and present it to the city to aid in the widening of Gold Street by the demolition of certain buildings, the remainder of the cost (supposed then to be \$60,000) to be assessed in fair division upon the property holders receiving benefits. I placed the gift at \$20,000, which left a balance of \$40,000. I later made the important discovery that the city owned the cemetery. It had been almost universally but erroneously believed that this ground was the property of the Center Church. Here was involved an important discovery, for the city as a property holder could be assessed.

It seemed to me that the city could hardly refuse a gift of \$20,000, or neglect such an opportunity to convert a notoriously unsavory slum district in her very

center into a clean, beautiful approach to Bushnell Park, an avenue much needed, and which, if carried on by the widening of Jewell Street and Ford Street, would create a spacious connection between Main Street and the station and western sections greatly to be desired, to say nothing of at last honoring that "God's Acre" where slept the city's fathers, men toward whom the entire country was turning its eyes in wonderment and admiration. Here came the many descendants, as to a sacred shrine, perhaps, only to find an obscure, decaying, forgotten yard, with a locked gate, at the end of an inconspicuous alley; not a cordial welcome,



Gold Street, March, 1899. Buildings Demolished April, 1899. Looking East from Lewis Street toward Etna Life Building.

surely, from a city in whose charge was held this ancestral ground. Here, also, came the historical scholar, for as events of the past became analyzed and their relations studied, it was conceded, as one historian states, that "among the sources of our constitutional life, the spring from which gushed the purest influence was opened by Thomas Hooker and his associates at Hartford." And he adds, "My imagination and my thought have long located this spring amid the ash-heaps and neglected surroundings of the old burying-ground under the shadow of the First

Church." In Hartford was born American democracy, say Johnston and Fiske, and in this ground slept those statesmen who, as by inspiration, divined the needs of the future, and laid surely and wisely the foundations of our great Republic.

You will see that your Regent's plan involved the support and co-operation of the Board of Street Commissioners. Also the approving vote of the Board of Common Council. It also required the vital assistance of the press, for from the beginning, bearing in mind the generous sums of money raised for the Public Library through the columns of the daily papers, I planned to also raise the necessary funds through such avenues, and *never by personal solicitation*. You will see that this was a policy that would seem likely to commend itself to the general public. It appealed not only to the descendant whose ancestral lines bound him in sympathy to the old ground, but to the citizen also who was inter-



View of Gold Street Entrance, 15 feet wide, looking West from Atna Life Building, Main Street, before the Ruth Wyllys Chapter's Work of Restoration.

ested in civic improvement—for which improvement no one was to be taxed. The city had spoken unequivocally in "town meeting, 1890," and now the wishes of the citizens were met by a plan which placed much of the expense, officially, upon those very property holders who had been regarded with such suspicion as disproportionate beneficiaries. This plan involved such radical changes and was of such magnitude, as well as delicacy, bearing, alas, so many chances of failure, that I felt I could not bring it before you at that time, or ask your sanction of what would undoubtedly seem to many of you but the fanciful dream of an optimist, a vision of but rainbow tints and stability. I had no right to ask you to join in a venture that from its very proportions would make failure the more ridiculous. So I decided to work alone for a while and alone bear what

opprobrium might result. The opening move was to submit my plan to some very wise men, and learn their estimate of its propriety and possibilities, and upon my first visit to the Rev. Francis Goodwin hung the destiny of the whole enterprise. A whisper of doubt or disapproval would have been final, but after disclosing, unreservedly, my plan and my hopes, I not only received his cordial approval, but the very substantial evidence of his belief and favor in the shape of a pledge of \$2,000, one each from his brother, Mr. James J. Goodwin, and himself. As I was leaving, Mr. Goodwin added, "I had thought the possibility of clearing out Gold Street forever passed. I believe no man could do it now, for the public would be suspicious of personal motives and gain; but a body of women engaged upon patriotic work, with the widening of Gold Street an incident of their redemptive aspirations, with the whole design open as sunlight, can do it, in my opinion, if there is one to do a great deal of work. If your strength is equal to it, Mrs. Holcombe, I believe this work can be accomplished on the lines you have laid out, but I fear you do not realize what you are undertaking." As my strength at that particular moment seemed mountains high, I suffered no fears in that direction, but was buoyant with enthusiasm and anticipation.

I next called upon Mr. John C. Parsons to learn his attitude and that of the First Church. Of his interest in the cemetery I was assured, but what he would think of a body of women assuming such responsibilities was another matter which alarmed me considerably, and his ready sympathy and cordiality were welcome, indeed. I had hoped the church might be able to raise a certain sum, and when Mr. Parsons named that very amount, my courage and spirits took another great bound at his guarantee of \$10,000. I then called upon ex-Mayor Brainard, chairman of the previous committee to widen Gold Street in 1890, to learn the exact history of the measure and fate of the committee, and if the work I was willing to assume, as Regent of the Chapter, would be acceptable to those who had already had it in hand. He was also delightfully cordial, and commended the plan, though thinking my idea of having the full eighty feet at Main Street left an open space, a pretty sweeping transformation, as a forty-foot street and a substantial building between it and the church was the height of the ambition of the committee of 1890. He laughingly remarked, "Well, you women have a wholesale way of demolishing things when you go at them." The extreme kindness and encouragement of these three gentlemen gave me a confidence and courage most essential at that initiative period, and I now for the first time ventured to disclose my thoughts and hopes to my husband. I know, had my aspirations been earlier communicated, they would have received a prompt quietus, but he could not quite annul all my arguments, which bore the approval and encouragement of the three friends mentioned; the strong bulwark of *that pledge of \$2,000*, against which I placed myself securely, strengthened my position immeasurably, and very soon he became equally interested, and to his clear head and steady hand I am forever indebted. We, together, submitted the whole matter to Mr. Charles E. Gross, whose sympathy and most valuable co-operation were at once enlisted, and from that time on I was blessed with the counsels of these two able associates. Never, without such support and guidance, could I have gone on in untried paths through the various difficulties that awaited me. I now became busily engaged upon learning various details, such as who were the owners of the different pieces of property, would they sell, and at what prices. These, when secured, amounted to \$80,000, in place of \$60,000, which was the estimated cost, Dr. Walker told me, in 1890. I also visited the

proposed beneficiaries to learn their views, and ascertain if they would not, in consideration of the full situation, accept the proposed assessments without protest.

When I had my figures and facts well put together, I called upon the President of the Street Board, Mr. Charles H. Northam, and received from him also his full approval; without his support and co-operation the plans could not have been carried out, so upon his attitude hung also vital possibilities. Each newspaper editor I visited, and received assurances of their cordial support in the coming campaign. You all know what powerful allies they proved to be, and it is not too much to say that without their assistance the work could never have been accomplished. I spent my time at this period visiting our leading men, whose wisdom and conservatism were unquestioned. One of my most interesting experiences was a call upon Bishop Tierney, whose sympathetic and kindly interest were expressed not alone in gracious words, but in a check of substantial import which reached me the following morning. From all these different gentlemen I received such unvarying kindness and aid that that experience forms a beautiful, glowing period of my life. I no longer kept the matter a secret; my fondest expectations were discussed freely with officers and members of the Chapter. Armed with that long roll of cardboard, on which was a diagram* of a new Gold Street, in place of the little alley (but fifteen feet wide at Main Street), and the perspective opening to the park, with the Soldiers' Arch sketched in as visible in direct line from the Ætna Life Building, I became known as "the Gold Street woman," and all through the season of 1896-7, I was occupied in arousing that interest which was of vital importance to the cause of saving the old cemetery. By the aid of the sketch mentioned, I endeavored to enable each listener to see for himself what was so plainly visible to my mental vision. On the occasion of an interview with one of Hartford's most esteemed citizens (possessed of a stolid temperament, however), he exclaimed, after listening most graciously to my descriptions, and in answer to my final question "if he could not see just how it would all look when the old buildings were gone—and this could be so quickly accomplished," "Why, Mrs. Holcombe, you make me absolutely dizzy, trying to follow all your plans at once." This sounded very disappointing to my hopes, but in a few days his imagination must have caught the main outlines of my picture, for he came to believe in it and supported my cause most loyally.

A curious disappointment awaited the first success of my desire to see the old buildings gone, and to behold, without delay, that long perspective crowned with the Soldiers' Arch, and by a very "irony of Fate" I was doomed to wait months after the last brick of the Gold Street tenements had been removed before the "promised land" was revealed. The demolition of the buildings was consummated in the month of May, when the trees were in full leaf, and so complete a screen did the foliage create that not a hint of the Soldiers' Arch could be discovered. I was asked, unceasingly, where it was—sometimes as a laughing jest, oftener in seriousness which seemed to question the truth of my prophecy, and I felt, indeed, like a second Cassandra as I repeated my prophecies that later it would appear, when the leaves should disappear. Happy day! when in late October, after a sharp frost, a dashing, whirling wind came up and snatched from twig and branch the leaves in multitudes, and lo! there against the brilliant western sky appeared at last the graceful outlines of our Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial, and away off on

* This diagram was prepared in 1890, showing a forty-foot street directly in front of the Ætna Life Building, and presented to me as a possible aid in my campaign

Lord's Hill loomed up the noble proportions of the High School. Can you wonder that with almost tumultuous joy I pointed out to all that came my way, as I stood in front of the *Ætna Buildings*, the materialization of my dreams—the fulfillment of my prophecies? Cassandra's mantle, which had seemed to cling tenaciously to my unwilling shoulders, all summer, had, with the leaves, disappeared on the wings of the wind.

In January, 1897, I invited the following gentlemen to meet in conference at my house: Mr. Charles H. Northam, President of the Street Board; Mr. John C. Parsons, Chairman representing Committee of the First Church; Mr. Charles E. Gross, President of the Park Board; Mr. Joseph Butts, member of the Street Board, and later Chairman of the Committee on Gold Street; and Mr. John M. Holcombe of the Advisory Board of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter. After plans had been submitted and discussed, Mr. Parsons pledged \$10,000 as a contribution to be



View of Gold Street, looking West from Main Street, showing Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Arch, as pictured in descriptions 1896-7.

counted on from the church. Mr. Northam said to me, "Now, Mrs. Holcombe, if your Chapter can raise the \$10,000, the deed is done." I sprang to my feet, exclaiming joyfully, "Mr. Northam, the deed then is done, for we will raise the \$10,000."

I then appointed the following ladies for a Gold Street Committee:

Mrs. Wm. H. Palmer,	1054 Asylum Avenue
Miss Mary Francis,	101 Elm Street
Mrs. Chas. E. Gross,	840 Asylum Avenue
Miss Mary K. Talcott,	815 Asylum Avenue
Mrs. Pierre S. Starr,	179 Sigourney Street
Miss Mary Bartlett,	31 Farmington Avenue
Mrs. Samuel Colt,	Armsmead

Mrs. George Leon Walker,	46 Prospect Street
Mrs. Francis Goodwin,	103 Woodland Street
Mrs. Nathaniel Shipman,	33 Charter Oak Place
Mrs. Francis B. Cooley,	119 Farmington Avenue
Mrs. Leverett Brainard,	135 Washington Street
Mrs. Morgan G. Bulkeley,	136 Washington Street
Miss Mary Clark,	68 Main Street
Mrs. Chas. W. Havemeyer,	137 Washington Street
Mrs. Wm. Hamersley,	Saybrook, Conn.
Miss Charlotte Jewell,	145 Washington Street
Miss Antoinette R. Phelps,	72 Washington Street
Mrs. Wm. C. Skinner,	61 Woodland Street
Mrs. Jacob L. Greene,	113 Woodland Street
Mrs. Henry Ferguson,	123 Vernon Street
Mrs. Frank L. Howard,	150 Collins Street
Mrs. John C. Day,	Allyn House
Mrs. John S. Camp,	1041 Asylum Avenue
Mrs. Franklin Whitmore,	1 Highland Street
Miss Julia B. Burbank,	714 Asylum Avenue
Mrs. Wm. N. Pelton,	792 Asylum Avenue
Miss Mabel Wyllys Wainwright,	111 Elm Street
Mrs. B. R. Allen,	122 Woodland Street
Mrs. Walter C. Faxon,	29 Huntington Street

Several of these ladies felt unwilling to serve on any active committee, but they were assured no work was desired, only the value of their names and endorsement of the Regent's methods. It is rather interesting to recall that there occurred but two meetings of this committee, the first where a handsome sum of money was pledged to start the Chapter Fund (\$1,700 being raised in a few moments), and another April 16, 1897, when, upon motion of Mrs. Charles E. Gross, it was unanimously voted to empower the Regent to act in all matters pertaining to the Gold Street work as seemed in her judgment advisable, and to sign the names of the committee to any document she deemed necessary. Such privilege and power proved of very great value, for there arose situations where speedy action was necessary, and such a mark of confidence from her co-workers was a stimulant indeed.

By the last of January, 1897, the preliminaries seemed complete, and with a glad heart the Regent submitted for your approval plans formulated by her, bearing the sanction of leading men, and relating much of her experience during the preceding three months. She also asked your approving vote upon an appeal, which, with the assistance of Mr. Gross and Mr. Holcombe, was ready for presentation to the Common Council. Your unanimous and enthusiastic support inaugurated a season of great activity. The appeal was sent to the Common Council that same evening, Monday, January 25, 1897. It was no strange or startling situation which was thus presented, for most of the members had been seen and the matter clearly explained. So without delay it was passed on to the Board of Street Commissioners. It was as promptly taken up by them, carefully examined, and returned to the Council with the recommendation that steps be taken to lay out a highway. The Council voted to accept the recommendation of the Street Board, ordered the necessary legal publications, and referred it back to the Board of Street Commissioners for the assessment of "betterments and damages." A sub-committee of the Street Board at once proceeded to an adjustment of this delicate and complicated matter.

While the appeal was thus being carried on through its various phases, a very general interest in the saving of the old cemetery and widening of Gold Street had been aroused. Editorials in the papers and various communications printed in their columns gave the work a great push and secured a much desired publicity, for the onerous task of finding descendants and enlisting their sympathies was soon to be undertaken in earnest. The weight of the influence of many prominent men so eagerly sought and enlisted during the preceding busy weeks by your Regent, together with the far-reaching enthusiasm of 220 members of this Chapter, created a force that seemed to envelop the city and reach far out into the State and country at large. By April the time seemed to have arrived for testing the plan to raise the desired funds, and I wrote an appeal from the Chapter to the public.



View of Gold Street, 1897, before the Work of Improvement.

signed with the names of the Gold Street Committee, asking for the sum of \$15,000, \$10,000 to be given to the city to aid in the widening of Gold Street, and \$5,000 for cemetery improvements. Only pledges were asked for, as there would be no use for the \$10,000, if the plans for widening Gold Street were not carried out. This appeal was printed in each of the daily papers, Saturday, April 17, 1897, the day preceding Easter-day. From some pulpits, the following morning, clergymen spoke valued words of commendation. This had seemed an auspicious occasion upon which to embark our enterprise, when the world breathed the very essence of transformation and the Easter spirit one to prompt reverential sentiment and pious offerings. All day Saturday and Sunday gave long opportunity for

Hartford's citizens to read the appeal, and Sunday evening I mailed 400 circulars, stating the matter in a business way to the business men, and such was the effect of the combined influences that in just two weeks the \$10,000 for Gold Street was pledged. My heart glows with a joy unspeakable when I recall that season of generous and sympathetic aid so spontaneously rendered. Like a full tide it flowed in, cleansing, purifying, and wiping away the stain of a long reproach to our fair city. Under the auspices of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter the sum of \$35,600 has been contributed, and in all this no member, so far as I know, ever solicited a penny—I certainly did not. (I never hesitated to ask for approval, interest, and influence; but for money, never.) The situation was presented as forcibly and attractively as possible, and then people did just what they liked. No one was taxed, none suffered solicitation. The person who did not desire to pay toward the city's benefit, did not. The one who had patriotic and generous impulses and desired to aid in an improvement combining to a singular degree sentiment and civic improvement, gave according to his own ability and wishes. It was a policy which met the commendation of the public.

The task of finding descendants, scattered in countless numbers all over the country, was one of large proportions. Miss Talcott's and Mrs. Pelton's familiarity with the early families of Hartford, and the genealogical instinct and experience of Miss Talcott, proved of great value in our work of tracing the scattered representatives, and no trouble was spared in studying that long list of 520 names recorded in the copied epitaphs of 1870, and tracing the various lines down to living representatives. The Chapter had voluntarily assumed responsibilities of a delicate nature, and we felt that we had no right to touch the stone of any person having living descendants unless authorized so to do, or until, diligent search having been made for such persons and none appearing, we were justified in assuming the responsibility. So at first we were confined to the stones of those persons whom we knew had no descendants, and to those from some of whose representatives we received authority. Hundreds of letters were written that season, circulars distributed, and I wrote various magazine articles in the general hunt for descendants, and from all over the land came sympathetic responses, words of encouragement, gratitude, and glad co-operation.

After investigations during the winter of 1896 and 1897, your Cemetery Committee felt that the Caffall process of restoration and preservation was one that it would be wise to try. The obelisk in Central Park was a conspicuous example of its powers, and in Greenwood Cemetery the Caffalls had done a great deal of saving work. I carefully inspected this, and received from the Superintendent endorsement and recommendation. The process is to cut away all decayed portions down to the solid stone, then apply a composition which can be well matched in appearance; lettering and carving can be easily accomplished while the substance is soft; it soon hardens and is said to become more enduring than brown sandstone itself. By the proper application of heated paraffine, the stone is made impervious to climatic influences and therefore preserved for as long a period as the existence of the paraffine. Just what is its term of service has not yet been demonstrated; time alone can determine its length of life, but it is easily renewed. Most fortunately for our saving work, facsimile copies of every inscription had been made and the stones numbered some thirty years previous, this list being in the possession of our late esteemed antiquarian and State Librarian, Dr. Charles J. Hoadley. From this valuable collection, placed courteously at our

disposal by Dr. Hoadley, each broken stone could be identified, and the original epitaph secured. Many an aged and broken memorial, apparently doomed to speedy dissolution, has been entirely restored and is a true image of its fresh and perfect youth.

Up to midsummer, 1897, we had no thought of attempting anything more ambitious than the Caffalls had accomplished elsewhere, and their constructive work had consisted only of slight repairs, such as filling out a broken corner with their composition, or inserting small portions upon which missing letters or words were cut. The success of these small creations was suggestive of larger ventures, and it was easy to aspire to more elaborate forms of restoration. It seemed to me that if one inch could be faithfully reproduced, a facsimile of the whole design of an old stone might be effected, and the possibilities became very fascinating to my imagination.

One nameless memorial, bereft of both epitaph and ornament, stood a very specter; the meagerness of its proportions, bearing the stamp of a rapid disintegration, roused a sort of sympathy and a desire to prolong the period of its existence, and a consuming curiosity to learn whose memory had been engraven on the treacherous sandstone, both front and back of which had slipped down into the earth. Not more than one-half inch of solid stone remained, with a border of carved leaves on the top and a fragment of the pattern at the bottom. These alone remained of the original beautiful design, but they were valuable clues. From Dr. Hoadley's list the monument was identified as that of Mabel Wyllys Talcott, and the inscription secured. The first attempt at a reproduction of the colonial design produced singular results. In my absence from home, the faithful and enthusiastic workman thought to give me a pleasant surprise upon my return, which should also be a proof of his enterprise and skill. The surprise was accomplished in full measure, for a more original angel's head, combining much colonial and some modern Swedish elements, had surely never before been created. In sorrow and disappointment, all his good work had to be cut away. After diligent search, I found just one stone in the yard of similar contour, bearing the same crown of leaves at top, and same design of border at bottom. By faithfully adhering to this design, and copying the epitaph found in Dr. Hoadley's list, a perfect reproduction of the original, I believe, was effected.

As the work progressed, we arranged to have Mr. Edward M. Caffall of New York accomplish the repairing and waterproofing, and Mr. Stephen Maslen of Hartford have charge of carvings.

To prevent any possible change in the position of stones during the quite elaborate work of improvement in the yard, or at any future time, a civil engineer was employed to make an official survey, and prepare a chart showing exact location of every stone in the yard. This was the suggestion of Mrs. Henry Ferguson. One of my most cherished hopes was that the cemetery would, at the close of the Chapter's labors, become incorporated with the park system of Hartford, and to the Board of Park Commissioners would go this chart, which would thus secure for all time the same position of stones which existed when the Ruth Wyllys Chapter assumed the responsibility of the great improvements.

In the midst of all our busy work in the cemetery, made light and happy by our hopes of widening Gold Street, came a great disappointment. From the assessments levied by the Street Board there were appeals from four of the property owners assessed. This landed the matter in the courts, and there was a

widespread feeling that the project had received its deathblow. Undoubtedly the appellants felt that by thus sending it to the courts it was forever disposed of. It was an easy way of accomplishing its demise, for from the very nature of the situation delay would mean a decay of the interest, and after a few years, deaths and changes must occur, that would make a revival of the matter an impossibility. I was met on every side by expressions of commiseration and condolence — sentiments I did not myself share, for I was far enough from entertaining any idea of defeat. But I seemed to be the only person in the world at that time who enjoyed any hope of ultimate success. I visited the City Attorney and from him learned that the outlook was most unfavorable. On file were many cases preceding this one, and years would elapse before the Gold Street matter would be reached for even a consideration. Well, of course years meant death; the situation was truly unique, for \$24,000 had been pledged; \$10,000 was on deposit at that time, which, according to the circular issued by the Chapter, would be returned if the plans for the widening of Gold Street did not materialize. I felt that I was under the most sacred obligations to carry on this work, and that no labor or any personal feelings should prevent all effort to carry it to a successful issue. I will confess that I was pretty desperate at the close corner in which I found myself. Not a ray of hope in the direction of ordinary proceedings, therefore something extraordinary must be resorted to. Learning from Judge McConville that he was obliged to follow the instructions of the Street Board, a sudden light gleamed upon me from out of the enfolding gloom, and showed me a possible way out of the difficulties. I hastened home and wrote an official appeal from the Chapter, signed by that forcible list of names, and hurried it to Mr. Northam, President of the Street Board, in time for the meeting which I knew was to take place that evening. In that appeal I asked if, out of consideration for the very peculiar circumstances of the case involving so large a sum as \$24,000, that Honorable Board would consider the prayer of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter and instruct the City Attorney to remove the Gold Street matter from its place in line and have it receive immediate attention. The following morning, twenty-four hours not having elapsed after my interview with Judge McConville, the desired order was in his hands, and he began the necessary proceedings without delay. Thus the interesting subject was lifted from what was supposed to be its mortuary repose, and revived in a manner that was vigorous in the extreme. Then followed the appointment of the following committee: Judge Lyman D. Brewster of Danbury, Hon. Charles Phelps of Rockville, Hon. George Terry of Waterbury; and I suppose a more capable trio never sat upon trial. Their decision supported the



Looking East from Lewis Street, showing Atna Life Building on Main Street.

action of the Street Board, and the various difficulties melted away under the prompt and capable administration of the Board. To the active efforts of Hon. William W. Hyde, then president of the Street Board, is due much of the legal celerity which astonished even the oldest citizen who was following the course of events, and the speed with which the matter on Monday, October 24, 1898, was passed from one court to another, and from one board to another, was, I understand, unprecedented, bringing up at the Common Council in the evening, where unanimous and favorable action gave the finish, and the joy which followed that day can be better imagined than described. Its intensity was more than a reward for the long period of waiting, anxiety, and suspense. This was the third occasion when the Common Council had thus passed, not only a favorable vote, but a unanimous one, and I am sure such an endorsement from the gentlemen of the Board upon the work undertaken by the women of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter entitles them to feelings of pride, as well as of gratitude. There was still another and a vital one to come before them, but I feared publicity and discussion, and bided my time, keeping the important project all to myself.

Two weeks before the pieces of land were to be presented by the Chapter to the city (the deeds standing in my name), I called upon various members of the Common Council, and invited them to visit the cemetery with me, that they might clearly appreciate what had been accomplished, and what ought to be arranged for a continuance of care, and requested that immediately upon the presentation of the land they should incorporate this piece of property, which had always belonged to the city, into its park system, and thus, under the care of the Park Board, which possessed permanency and resources, this sacred spot would be for all time preserved. This motion also passed unanimously, and I cannot speak too highly of the courtesy of the Common Council of Hartford.

The demolition of the buildings was begun April 21, 1899, and such was the energy with which Mr. Roger Sherman conducted his work that the Street Board, graciously indulgent of the ladies' wishes, were able, by putting on a large force, to have everything ready for a very unique and impressive ceremony, which occurred on Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1899. This was the celebration of the Redemption of the Ancient Cemetery and Widening of Gold Street. In the rear of the venerable First Church was erected a large platform, upon which were seated those gentlemen who in various ways had particularly aided in the good work, and State and National officers of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Chapter Officers, and Gold Street Committee. An audience of 5,000 people had gathered, and the quaint old cemetery and lately transformed Gold Street, shining with an unaccustomed glory, under the glistening rays of a June sun, was a sight to thrill one to the heart. Oh, what a spectacle it was to waiting, tired eyes! What a joy to the souls of those that had longed for such sanctification! And there upon the stage was the beloved pastor, Dr. Walker, in his invalid chair, weak and speechless, but with an ineffable joy and satisfaction suffusing his countenance, and what a world of expression in the grasp of the hand that was still strong! Words could have conveyed no more, and I could ask no greater happiness than I then experienced, when I knew that to the full extent of his hopes the work had been accomplished. The Putnam Phalanx turned out to honor the occasion, and in their Continental uniforms made a most picturesque feature of the occasion, besides being one of the finest looking bodies of men it has ever been my pleasure to look upon.

The programme opened with an invocation from our late beloved pastor of the First Church, Dr. Lamson. This was followed by the Doxology, played by Colt's full brass band and sung by that vast concourse. As the people joined in the words, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the majestic volume of sound burst forth upon the balmy air and rose high and higher towards the sky, one could almost catch accompanying notes of harmony in an unseen choir joining in this anthem, the Puritan of 1636 with his descendant of 1899 blending heart and voice as with one acclaim in the glad hosanna. The deeds of land were presented by the Regent to Mayor Preston, who in a graceful and fitting speech accepted the gift for the city. The roll of drums from the Putnam Phalanx drum corps expressed, in stirring form, sentiment of victory. The orators of the day were Professor Williston Walker, who gave a most able paper upon "The Ancient Cemetery," Mr. Arthur L. Shipman, who delivered an eloquent address entitled "The first American Revolutionists," and Hon. Henry C. Robinson, who spoke extemporaneously. From a full heart, surely, came one of his finest efforts. Eloquent and thrilling, his voice reached even the remotest listeners in that great multitude, and their hearts were stirred with the magnetism of his oratory. It was his last public address, and can we be thankful enough that our celebration occurred at a time to be enriched by the presence of three of our city's most gifted, best beloved men? It seems dramatic, as we look back, to realize how soon they themselves were to be numbered among Hartford's honored dead. Dr. Lamson, Hon. Henry C. Robinson, Dr. Walker: in less than nine months this noble trio had vanished beyond our sight. The exercises closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Francis Goodwin in those matchless tones we so well love, and the singing of "America" to the splendid accompaniment of the band, and the ringing of the old church bell which pealed joyfully 263 strokes, representing the number of years since, in an earlier June, Hartford's founders came to this settlement on the Connecticut River in 1636. So closed a celebration of unique characteristics, and which the Hon. Joseph R. Hawley declared to be "a poem from beginning to end." This finished our part in the widening of Gold Street, but there still remained an important and difficult task.

At that time there were still 350 monuments to be restored and preserved, and our fund lacked \$3,000 of the amount necessary to accomplish this. The money question is certainly one of importance, but in this case there was one higher, that of finding all the descendants possible, and acquainting them with the situation. The city had done its part in abolishing buildings and transforming a neighborhood, in order to honor the burying-ground of their ancestors. There remained the urgent duty of restoring and preserving every memorial in the yard, and to the descendants was extended the privilege of joining in the sacred duty. If, for any reason, they did not care to assume the responsibility, their permission was asked for the Chapter so to do. This involved an enormous amount of correspondence, and letters by the hundred and 1,000 circulars were sent, to every family representative that could be found, and as for three years no effort had been spared in the vigilant hunt, a large list awaited us. Like detectives on a keen scent had we traced out different family lines. Sympathetic chords were touched, and responses came from a wide extent of country, even as far west as California. The very atmosphere seemed teeming with generous impulses and loyal reverence for the historic and kindred dead within that little enclosure. Can anything be more interesting or reflect more fully the lovely, fine

side of human nature than this spectacle of many descendants, widely separated, unknown to each other perhaps, joining in the mutual work of love and honor to their ancestors, and caring for family memorials? Distance and time eliminated, they clasped hands as one great family, in filial reverence to the "fathers and mothers from whose blood and bone they came, to do this work in love and loyalty to them."

Great was the interest shown in the selection of a new name for the purified Gold Street. Perhaps I ought here to confess to you that quite a unique honor was offered your Regent. Members of official boards and some prominent gentlemen united in the compliment of asking permission to christen the new street "Holcombe Place." I trust you will forgive the refusal to thus perpetuate a name so identified with yourselves. Though deeply appreciative and grateful for such an unlooked-for honor, she begged to decline, and requested that the gentlemen would not urge the matter, as such a result would, she felt, seriously mar a work which at least had had no personal thought in it. On June 26th, the Common Council passed the following vote: "That as there had been a request by many citizens to change the name of Gold Street to Holcombe Place, in honor of the regent of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, and that as this is against the wish of Mrs. Holcombe, the matter be referred to Ruth Wyllys Chapter to recommend a name for the street." The Chapter, after considerable consideration, sent to the Common Council its official request that the name remain Gold Street.

"The Hartford Times" generously raised \$1,000, by adding another \$100 to its own contribution, if nine other contributors would each give \$100. This was a "helping hand" at a critical moment. More than \$2,000 came from descendants outside of Hartford and gave us our desired amount. Among the many, many interesting experiences, I must here speak of one circumstance that reflects evidence as to the contagion of good deeds and the force of example. I speak in praise of the boys and girls of Hartford. After the removal of the buildings which bordered the cemetery, the grounds were left entirely open to the public on the Gold Street side, from April, 1899, for more than a year. We had thought it necessary to build a temporary fence to guard the broken stones, as our work necessitated oftentimes the removal of carvings, etc., which were laid upon adjoining table stones, and these pieces were of peculiar value, as they must be returned to their original places, some portions of them being reproduced. But, witness the influence of popular sentiment and probably the work in the public schools. Not a thing was ever disturbed, not one trifling fragment of those stones, so peculiarly tempting to boy fingers, was ever touched. To their honor be it recorded that even the street urchins seemed to guard this spot as a sacred trust.

The labor of love is complete. The changes involving an expenditure of more than \$100,000 have all been accomplished. Standing straight and true, each stone bears in perfect form its vital record and accompaniment of quaint carvings and curious devices. The grounds, under the transforming skill of the Park Board, have been artistically graded, and, undulating and picturesque in contour, have a surface of perfect turf, ornamented with charmingly devised beds of shrubbery and flowers. The brick walls of adjoining commercial buildings, as well as the church, will soon be adorned with masses of waving green vines. The final work was the erection of a beautiful colonial fence of wrought iron, with brick pillars bearing urns of stone handsomely carved. This fence was designed by McKim,

Mead & White of New York, and was the generous gift of Mr. James J. Goodwin. The recessed gateway, a memorial to John Haynes, first Governor of Connecticut, was the gift of the Misses Stokes of New York. This fence, extending to Main Street, includes in the one enclosure the venerable building of the First Church (a beautiful specimen of colonial architecture), which, with its churchyard embedded in green surroundings, presents a veritable bit of English landscape in our city's midst. To thus extend the fence seemed of such importance that to secure its accomplishment, Mrs. George C. Perkins gave a generous contribution toward the expense of the iron fence, the church making up the balance. The masonry of this part of the fence, which is the property of the First Church, was a gift from Mr. James J. Goodwin.

A memorial gate is now in process of erection to the north of the church, on Main Street, connecting the church edifice with its chapel. This is erected to the memory of Mr. John C. Day, by his wife, Mrs. Alice Hooker Day, and daughters, Miss Katherine Seymour Day and Miss Alice Hooker Day, designed by Mr. Wm. E. Parsons.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Day was eighth in descent from Gov. John Haynes, whose memorial gateway is on Gold Street.

This gateway has a bronze tablet on each pillar; one bears at the top the dates 1594 and 1654, the birth and death of John Haynes, between which is the Haynes coat-of-arms. Below is the inscription, which reads, "In memory of John Haynes, first Governor of the Colony of Connecticut. This gateway is given by two of his descendants, 1900." The other one has at the top, each side of the Haynes coat-of-arms, as in the other, two significant dates, 1639, 1789. These are the dates when the Constitution was born in Connecticut, 1639, and the United States Constitution, its lineal descendant, had its birth 150 years later in 1789. The inscription reads: * "John Haynes, one of the three illustrious framers of the first written constitution creating a government upon which were based the principles of American constitutional liberty."

The time is past, I am sure, when the stranger can criticise Hartford, the home of his ancestors, perhaps, for the manner in which she has treated the resting-place of her historic progenitors. We rejoice in the confidence that the descendant of the city's founders, or the genealogist, or the historical scholar will find in the beauty of the old cemetery that Hartford, at last, honors her past, reveres her illustrious dead, and keeps well the sacred trust of this priceless heritage.

EMILY S. G. HOLCOMBE,

Regent Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT,

April 23, 1902.

* This inscription was arranged by Mr. Harold G. Holcombe, endorsed by Mr. Wilbur F. Gordy, Principal of the Second North School, author of "History of Connecticut."

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- Perkins, Mr. Arthur
- Perkins, Mr. Edward C.
- Perkins, Mrs. Edward H.
- Perkins, Mrs. George C.
- Perkins, Mr. Henry A.
- Perkins, Miss Mabel H.
- Perry, Mrs. Alfred T.
- Phelps, Miss Antoinette R.
- Phelps, Mr. Oscar A.
- Phillips, Mr. Daniel
- Phillips, Miss Ellen M.
- Pinney, Mrs. M. E.
- Pinney, Mrs. Maria W.
Derby, Conn.
- Pitkin, Mrs. Albert H.
- Pitkin, Mrs. Albert P.
- Plimpton, Mr. Linus B.
- Porter, Mrs. John Addison
Pomfret, Conn.
- Pratt, Mr. Francis A.
- Pratt, Mr. James C.
- Prentice, Miss Eliza H.
- Preston, Miss Clara V.
- Preston, Mrs. Miles B.
- Price, Mr. William T.
- Ransom, Mrs. George R.
Colchester, Conn.
- Richards, Mr. Alfred T.
- Richards, Mr. E. G.
- Richards, Mr. Francis H.
- Risley, Mrs. Elisha
- Robbins, Rev. Silas W.
- Roberts, Mrs. Elvira C.
- Roberts, Mr. George
- Roberts, Mr. Henry
- Robinson, Mrs. Charles A.
- Robinson, Mrs. Charles L. F.
Newport, R. I.
- Robinson, Miss Eliza T.
- Robinson, Hon. Henry C.
- Rockwell, Mrs. Frederick C.
- Root, Mr. John G.
- Root, Mrs. Judson H.
- Root, Miss Matilda C.
(Mrs. Charles Hopkins Clark)
- Rose, Dr. John H.
- Russ, Mr. Charles C.
- Russell, Mrs. Frederick W.
- Russell, Dr. Gurdon W.
- Russell, Mrs. Gurdon W.
- Russell, Mrs. John A.
- Russell, Mrs. Thomas W.
- St. John, Dr. Samuel B.
- St. John, Mrs. Samuel B.
- Sauhorn, Mr. William A.
- Sawyer, Miss Edith P.
(Mrs. Charles L. W. Pettee)
- Sawyer, Mrs. George O.
- Scott, Mrs. J. Stanley
- Scott, Mrs. M. Bradford
- Seaville, Mr. William H.
- Sedgwick, Mrs. Charles F.
- Seymour, Miss Emily
- Sheffield, Miss Amelia H.
Utica, N. Y.
- Sheldon, Miss Elizabeth B.
- Sheldon, Miss Jane L.
- Shepherd, Dr. George R.
- Shepherd, Mrs. George R.
- Shipman, Mr. Arthur L.
- Shipman, Judge Nathaniel
- Shipman, Mrs. Nathaniel
- Simpson, Mrs. Frederick T.
- Sisters, Two
- Skinner, Mrs. Ellen M.
- Skinner, Col. William C.
- Skinner, Mrs. William C.
- Slocumb, Mrs. Cutlibert H.
Groton, Conn.
- Small, Mrs. Frederick F.
- Smith, Mr. Charles B.
- Smith, Mr. Charles G.
New York City
- Smith, Mrs. Charles H.
- Smith, Mrs. Edward A.
- Smith, Mr. Edwin J.
- Smith, Mr. Ernest W.
- Smith, Mrs. Frank G.
- Smith, Mr. Herbert Knox
- Smith, Mrs. Mary M.
Unionville, Conn.
- Smith, Dr. Oliver C.
- Society of Colonial Dames
- Society, First Ecclesiastical
- Society, Universalist Church,
- Young People's Benevolent
- Sooter, Miss Henrietta
- South End Fourth of July
Celebration
- Souther, Mr. Henry
- Spencer, Mr. Ambrose
- Spencer, Mrs. Elmer D.
Kaneville, Ill.
- Spencer, Miss Mary
- Spencer, Miss Mary C.
- Stanley, Miss Ellen C.
- Stanton, Mr. Lewis E.
- Starr, Mrs. Pierre S.
- Stearns, Dr. Henry P.
- Stedman, Miss Elizabeth S.
- Stillman, Miss Alice W.
- Stokes, Mr. Anson Phelps
New York City
- Stokes, Miss Caroline Phelps
New York City
- Stokes, Miss Olivia E. P.
New York City
- Stone, Miss Janet Tryon
- Stone, Mrs. S. M.
- Storrs, Dr. Melanethon
- Storrs, Mrs. William M.
- Stoughton, Mr. Dwight G.
- Sugden, Mr. William E.
- Sumner, Mrs. Frank C.
- Sumner, Mr. George G.
- Swift, Mr. Rowland L.
- Swords, Mr. Joseph F.
- Taintor, Miss Alice
- Taintor, Mr. George E.
- Taintor, Mr. Henry E.
- Taintor, Mrs. James U.
- Talcott, Mr. Charles Hooker
- Talcott, Miss Mary Kingsbury
- Talcott, Mrs. Seth
- Talcott, Mrs. Thomas G.
- Taylor, Mr. James P.
- Taylor, Mrs. John M.
- Terry, Mr. John T.
New York City
- Terry, Mrs. Stephen
- Terry, Miss Mary A.
- Thayer, Mr. George B.
- Thompson, Mr. Charles E.
- Thompson, Mrs. Maria D.
- Thomson, Mr. A. C.
Boston, Mass.
- Thomson, Mr. James M.
- Tierney, Right Rev. Michael
- Tracy, Mrs. H. D.
- Tracy, Miss Louisa
New Haven, Conn.
- Tucker, Mr. Edwin H.)
Tucker, Mr. James E.)
In memory of Mrs. Edwin Tucker
- Tucker, Mrs. John D.
- Tuller, Mrs. Charles D.
- Turner, Mrs. E. B.
- Tuttle, Miss Alice G.
- Tuttle, Miss Jane
- Tuttle, Mr. Samuel I.
- Tuttle, Mrs. Samuel I.
- Twitchell, Rev. Joseph H.
- Twitchell, Mr. Willis I.
- Tyler, Miss Charlotte
- Tyler, Miss Kate G.
- VanRensselaer, Mr. Alexander
Burlington, N. J.
- Veteran Volunteer Fireman's
Association
- Wadsworth, Mr. Clarence S.
New York City
- Wadsworth, Mr. Herbert C.
- Wainwright, Miss Mabel W.
- Wainwright, Mrs. W. A. M.
- Walker, Rev. George Leon
- Walker, Mrs. George Leon
- Walker, Rev. Williston
- Ward, Mrs. Austin M.
- Ward, Miss Catharine Webb
- Warfield, Mr. George F.
- Warner, Mrs. Charles Dudley
- Warner, Mr. Edward H.
- Watkinson, Miss Caroline H.
- Watkinson, Mrs. Louise S.
- Watrous, Mr. William H.
- Welch, Mr. Archibald A.
- Welch, Mrs. Archibald A.
- Welles, Mr. Charles T.
- Welling, Mrs. James C.
- Wells, Mr. Charles T.
- Wells, Mr. Daniel H.
- Wells, Mr. Edward W.
- Wells, Mrs. John S.
- White, Mr. Herbert H.
- Whiting, Miss Helen F.
- Whitmore, Mrs. Franklin G.
- Willard, Miss Lizzie H.
- Williams, Mr. Aaron W. C.
- Williams, Miss Augusta
- Williams, Mr. George G.
- Williams, Mrs. George G.
- Williams, Mr. Job
- Williams, Mrs. Mary A.
- Williams, Mrs. William P.
- Wood, Mrs. William J.
- Woodward, Mr. Joseph Hooker
- Woodward, Mrs. P. Henry
- Wordin, Mrs. Charles W.
- Yergason, Mrs. Edgar S.

LIST OF DESCENDANTS

WHO CONTRIBUTED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FAMILY MEMORIALS.

The following names are those who gave for a specific purpose in the saving of stones.

In several cases one person alone restored and preserved an ancestor's tomb.

In many cases descendants contributed toward a family fund to cover the expenses of restoring and preserving all the memorials bearing the name.



View of Gold Street, looking West from Aetna Life Building, Main Street, after the Ruth Wyllys Chapter's Work of Restoration.

This list of descendants, representing a wide territory, even as far west as California, and an interest in family ties not to be destroyed by time or distance, has been most carefully prepared. It can but be a genealogical work of considerable value in the years to come, when family lines and relationships now well established shall have become unknown or uncertain. There are a few contributors who are not "descendants," but in each case the fact is so stated.

In some instances, persons wished to pay respect to an ancestor buried in the yard for whom no memorial now existed, and so, "In Memory" of person or persons, gave for general improvement.

Every stone not mentioned in the following list has been done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter from the "General Fund."

ALLYN.

Lieut.-Col. John Allyn, Magistrate and Secretary of the Colony thirty-four years, and distinguished for many public services, died in 1696. To his memory was erected a handsome sarcophagus, bearing an inscription cut in a curious way.

This memorial attracts much attention, and is one often sought by strangers. It was put in perfect order, the epitaph re-cut, and the stone preserved. Col. John Allyn left a family of daughters, and there are no descendants in the male line.

The following descendants of Col. Allyn contributed a portion of the expense, and the Ruth Wyllys Chapter made up the balance.

Allyn, Mr. J. William,	Hartford
(Collateral, not a direct descendant)	
Bolton, Mrs. Charles E. (Sarah Knowles),	Cleveland, Ohio
Bolton, Mr. Charles Knowles,	Boston, Mass.
Eno, Mrs. George C. (Nellie Goodrich),	Simsbury, Conn.
Ensign, Mr. Ralph H.,	Simsbury, Conn.
Francis, Miss Mary,	Hartford
Francis, Mrs. William (Mary J. Miller),	Hartford
Harland, Mr. Edward,	Norwich, Conn.
Hotchkiss, Capt. William B.,	New York City
Kennedy, Mrs. Elijah R. (Lucy Brace Pratt),	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Knous, Mrs. Franklin F. (Mary A.),	New Haven, Conn.
Pratt, Miss Fannie W.,	Hartford
Pratt, Mr. James T.,	Hartford
Richards, Mr. Francis H.,	Hartford
Stanley, Mrs. Frederick N. (Alice Moore),	New Britain, Conn.
Stillman, Miss Alice W.,	Hartford
Tuttle, Miss Jane,	Hartford
(Collateral, not direct descendant)	

BARNARD.

Two stones in memory of Captain John Barnard and Hannah Bigelow, his wife, were removed from the South Burying Ground in 1900, and placed in the Ancient Cemetery.

They were grandparents of Dr. Henry Barnard. A great-grandson :

Gross, Mr. Charles E.,	Hartford
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assumed the responsibility of removal and preservation of the stones.

Captain John Barnard was a valued officer in the Revolutionary War, a member of the Cincinnati, and friend of Washington.

BENTON.

One of the very old stones is that to Andrew Benton, died 1683, *ae.* 63. This escaped observation until, by diligent search, it was discovered, so sunken in the earth that no inscription was visible. The stone to Mr. John Benton, Jr., died 1790, *ae.* 38, was badly broken, but was perfectly restored.

Both memorials were done by a descendant :

Corning, Mr. John Jay,	Hartford
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Later, Mr. John Benton, of Washington, D. C., who was making "an ancestral pilgrimage" through New England, and was pleased to find these ancient memorials of his family, would have been glad to assume the expense, but as they were already cared for, he kindly contributed to the "General Fund."

BIGELOW.

There are several stones to members of this family, one a table monument to Timothy Bigelow, died 1761, *ae.* 31, and wife, Hannah (daughter of William and Ann (Bassett) Hyde), died 1763, *ae.* 25.

All done by the following descendants:

Bigelow, Miss Eliza King,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Bigelow, Mr. Richard Hillyer,	New York City

They are children of Mr. Richard Bigelow, of Hartford, (John 4, John 3, Timothy 2, Jonathan 1,) who was prominent in the work of improving the Ancient Cemetery in 1835, when the Ancient Cemetery Association was formed, and the central shaft, bearing the names of the "Founders," was erected.

Mr. Bigelow built on High Street the fine house (later known as the Lawson Ives place) adjoining that of his brother-in-law, Deacon Thomas Smith. He removed to New York in 1842.

BOARDMAN.

Rev. Benjamin Boardman, died 1802, *ae.* 70, was pastor of the South Church many years. He was also chaplain in the Revolutionary War. On account of the strength of his voice and its carrying power he was called "Big Gun of the Gospel Boardman." A table-stone erected to his memory and that of his wife, Anna, formerly relict of Rev. Stephen Hosmer, died 1809, *ae.* 92, was put in perfect condition and preserved by:

Boardman, Mr. George C.,	San Francisco, Cal.
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who, after giving to the "General Fund," requested the privilege of caring for the stone of Rev. Mr. Boardman, who left no direct descendants.

BRADLEY.

Aaron Bradley was a man of prominence in Hartford, and one of the founders of Christ Church. He died 1802, *ae.* 61. His headstone was done by the following descendants:

Beach, Mr. Charles Edward,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Mr. Charles M.,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Miss Edith,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Miss Frances Antoinette,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Mr. George,	Hartford
Beach, Miss Mary Elizabeth,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Mr. Thomas Belknap,	Hartford
Huntington, Mrs. William W. (Harriet Bradley Beach),	West Hartford, Conn.

BRAINERD.

Hezekiah Brainerd was Representative from Haddam to the General Court at Hartford, Assistant and Speaker of the Upper House. He died while attending the General Court, 1727, *ae.* 46.

His stone was restored by a great-grandson:

Sims, Mr. John C.,	Philadelphia, Pa.
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BROWN.

William Brown, an attorney, whose death at 39, in 1803, was very generally lamented. A marble headstone to his memory was cleaned and preserved by his grandson :

Parsons, Major John Caldwell, Hartford

BULL

Twenty headstones, several of very fine type of colonial style and carving, and an elaborate sarcophagus, remained of the memorials to this family. Some were in very serious conditions of decay, and seemed at first impossible of redemption. But as our powers of reproduction expanded with experience, it became possible to renew life even in the veriest wrecks of monuments. The expense of doing these headstones was large, but a " Bull Fund " was created, and the descendants, uniting from various parts of the country, bore the expense of all but the sarcophagus.

Following is the list of contributors :

Adams, Mr. John Quincy,	St. Paul, Minn.
Bacchus, Rev. Brady Electus,	New York City
Bull, Mr. Charles H.,	Quincy, Ill.
Bull, Mrs. Elizabeth,	Naugatuck, Conn.
Bull, Mr. Lorenzo,	Quincy, Ill.
Bull, Mr. Martin Van Buren,	Albany, N. Y.
(Not a descendant, but for the name, and in approval of the work, gave to the " Bull Fund.")	
Bull, Mr. W. A.,	Orangeburg, S. C.
Bull, Mr. Stephen,	Racine, Wis.
Bull, Dr. T. M.,	Naugatuck, Conn.
Bunce, Mrs. Francis M. (Mary Bull),	Hartford
Gross, Mr. Charles E.,	Hartford
Kelsey, Mrs. Edward,	West Hartford, Conn.
Mason, Mrs. William A.,	Chicago, Ill.
Niles, Mrs. W. W. (Bertha Olmsted),	Concord, N. H.
Shove, Mrs. Susan B.,	Woodbury, Conn.

The most elaborate sarcophagus in the yard is that of Joseph Bull, erected upon the spot where the Caleb Bull tomb originally stood. When this tomb was removed (owing to its worn condition, I am told), two tablets were taken from the doors, and inserted in the adjoining wall. They read as follows :

" Family tomb of Caleb Bull, died 1789, aged 72, and Martha, his wife, died 1786, aged 62." On the other a verse of appeal which seems like a prophetic apprehension in view of the fate of her tomb :

" Refuse us not
This little spot
Our weary limbs to rest
Till all may rise
In glad surprise
And life forever blest."

The sarcophagus erected to the memory of Joseph Bull, died 1797, *ae.* 63, and Esther Gedney, his wife (daughter of John and Mary Gedney), died 1783, *ae.* 41, and others of this branch of the Bull family, remained until one of the last in the yard to receive attention. The Ruth Wyllys Chapter then bore the expense of its restoration and preservation, being authorized by William Gedney Beatty of New York, great-grandson of Joseph Bull and Esther Gedney.

BUNCE.

Two stones in this family group had suffered serious injury, involving the loss of nearly the entire face. Those of Mr. Thomas Bunce, died 1711, *ae.* 36, and his daughter, Mrs. Susanna Hosmer, died 1738, *ae.* 36, each had an entire front of the stone composition applied, and the handsome carving and original inscription (Hoadley list) was faithfully reproduced.

The descendants who contributed toward the expense of restoration and preservation of these Bunce stones were :

Bunce, Mr. Edward M.,	Hartford
Bunce, Mr. Jonathan Brace,	Hartford
Bunce, Mr. John Lee,	Hartford
Welch, Mrs. Archibald A.,	Hartford

The Ruth Wyllys Chapter made up the balance.

BURNHAM.

A headstone to Mrs. Lois Burnham was dug up from quite a depth underground : as it is not in the list of stones standing in 1835, its interment had evidently been a long one. It was in excellent condition and received the preserving treatment.

BURR.

A number of headstones commemorate three successive generations of the Burr family, with various members.

Three descendants contributed toward the expense of restoration and preservation, most of which was borne by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

Barnes, General Alfred C.,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Barnes, Mr. Henry Burr,	New York City
Barnes, Mr. Richard,	New York City

BUTLER.

Two marble headstones to Moses Butler, died 1801, *ae.* 86, and Sarah, died 1813, *ae.* 84, were cared for by a great-granddaughter :

McCook, Mrs. John J. (Eliza Sheldon Butler),	Hartford
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CADWELL.

Two headstones to Edward Cadwell, died 1751, *ae.* 70, and wife, Deborah Bunce (daughter John and Mary (Barnard) Bunce), died 1772, *ae.* 85.

Done by descendant :

Woodward, Mr. Joseph G.,	Hartford
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CALDWELL.

In quite a group of stones to this family we find a headstone to John Caldwell (father of Major John), died 1758, *ae.* 29. This was in an advanced stage of decay, and its entire front is a reproduction of its original beautiful design faithfully copied. This restoration was done by Major John Caldwell Parsons, not a descendant, but in memory of his mother's step-father, Major John Caldwell, for whom he was named. Mrs. William Brown, the grandmother of Major Parsons, was the second wife of Major Caldwell.

All the other Caldwell stones were put in perfect order by Mrs. Samuel Colt, whose husband was grandson of Major John Caldwell and wife, Margaret Collyer (daughter of Captain Hezekiah and Hepzibah (Wadsworth) Collyer), died 1799, *ae.* 40. A table-stone marks the grave of the latter; this for a long period was unrecognizable, as the inscription was on an inserted marble tablet which had become illegible. For some unexplained reason this monument was known as the "Dr. Eliakim Fish stone," and as it was in urgent need of treatment, great efforts had been made to find some Fish descendants who would care for it, or give authority to the Ruth Wyllys Chapter. Major Parsons had long looked for the stone to Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, but in vain, and it was given up as among the many that had succumbed to the destructive agencies. Later in our work, but unfortunately after Major Parsons's death, the long-looked for monument was discovered, and a singular mistake disclosed. Our long search for a descendant of Dr. Fish was rewarded, and a great-grandson, Dr. George C. Buell of Rochester, N. Y., as soon as he learned of our work, ordered the tomb of his ancestor to be put in perfect repair. Immediately the saving work was inaugurated, and our amazement was extreme to see appear upon the tablet, when treated, two distinct words, "Mrs. Margaret," and a date. Evidently we were not at work on the stone of Dr. Eliakim Fish. A hurried trip to the Capitol and an investigation of Dr. Hoadley's list revealed the welcome fact that "Mrs. Margaret" was the long-lost wife of Major Caldwell. The epitaph was secured, and the labor of restoring and preserving this monument was vigorously prosecuted, this time under order of Mrs. Colt. We readily discovered the memorial to Dr. Fish, which was in close proximity, and which also bore a marble tablet minus its lettering, but similar treatment and a strong light thrown upon it brought out the words "Dr. Eliakim" and also "Sarah." The exact epitaph was secured and faithfully inscribed, as in the other case.

Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, who died 1799, *ae.* 40, has beside her six little children, ages recorded as one, three, four, one, three years, and one six months. Near by lie also her mother, Jennett Evans, and father, Hezekiah Collyer, with brothers and sisters.

CHAPMAN.

One headstone to Robert Chapman, who, a Deputy from Saybrook to the General Court, died in Hartford, 1711, *ae.* 63, was cared for by family representatives though not direct descendants:

Bean, Mrs. Howard Dudley (Louise Chapman),	Hartford
Buckingham, Mrs. Annie McLean,	Watertown, Conn.
Chapman, Mrs. Charles R.,	Hartford
Chapman, Mr. Robert H.,	Hartford
Chapman, Mr. Thomas Brownell,	Hartford



John Caldwell's Stone before Restoration.



John Caldwell's Stone after Restoration, 1899.

CHURCH.

One stone to Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Church, died 1751, ae. 26, was done by :

Church, Mr. Frederick E., Hudson, N. Y.

Not a descendant, but of the same line as Joseph, from Richard Church, an "Original Proprietor of Hartford."

Mr. Church's contribution was of such generous proportion that a large balance was left after the Church stone was finished, for the care of other memorials that remained unclaimed.

COLLYER.

The stones to Captain Hezekiah Collyer, died 1763, ae. 56, and Hepzibah Wadsworth, his wife (daughter of Sergeant Jonathan, son of Captain Joseph Wadsworth, and Hepzibah (Marsh) Wadsworth), who died, 1770, aged 58, were cared for by their great-great-grandchildren :

Holcombe, Mr. John M., Hartford
Johnson, Miss Eleanor, Hartford
Johnson, Miss Mabel, Hartford

The one to Mrs. Jennett (Evans) Collyer, wife of Hezekiah, 2d, died, 1806, ae. 75, was done by her great-granddaughters :

Johnson, Miss Harriet, Hartford
Johnson, Miss Laura, Hartford
Johnson, Miss Sarah, Hartford

Hezekiah Collyer, 2d, was one of the founders of Christ Church.

Several other Collyer stones were done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, authorized by the above family representatives.

COOKE.

Several stones done by descendants and the Ruth Wyllys Chapter :

Gross, Mr. Charles E., Hartford
Knous, Mrs. Franklin F. (Mary A.), New Haven, Conn.
Stanley, Mrs. Frederick N. (Alice Moore), New Britain, Conn.

Mrs. Franklin F. Knous also gives in memory of her ancestors, Thomas Welles, Stephen Post, Captain Joseph Wadsworth and his wife Elizabeth Barnard.

One stone to Moses Cooke, died, 1738, aged 38, was cared for by the following descendant :

Welch, Rev. Moses Cooke, Hartford

DAY.

Contributions in memory of an "Original Proprietor and Founder of Hartford," Robert Day :

Day, Mr. O. A., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
di Brazza-Savorgnan, Countess Detalmo (Cora A. Slocomb), Italy
di Brazza-Savorgnan, Contessina Ida Anna, Italy
(Daughter of above and granddaughter of Mrs Slocomb.)
Slocomb, Mrs. Cuthbert H. (Abbie Day), Groton, Conn.

DEMING.

Captain Pownal Deming (son of Rev. David and Mehitable Champion Deming), died 1795, aged 45, was an officer in the Revolutionary War. Enlisting early, he was at the battle of Bunker Hill, later at Monmouth and Valley Forge. He was a member of the Cincinnati. His headstone had become so very seriously damaged, that its entire destruction seemed unavoidable. In 1895, Mr. Deming's great-grandson :

Hoyt, Mr. Chas A., Brooklyn, N. Y.

erected a granite shaft upon the grave of his ancestor between the decaying head and footstones.

Upon learning of the work of regeneration undertaken by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter in 1895, he so approved of the method, that he employed Mr. Caffall to fully restore the original Deming stones, and preserve them all. He also made a generous contribution to the "General Fund for Improvement of the Ancient Cemetery."

Mr. Hoyt's interest in this old ground had long been a welcome factor, and by his private contributions, Major Parsons, Chairman of the Ancient Cemetery Association, was enabled to do much more, each season, in the care of grass and walks than the meagre funds of the association would have permitted.

DENISON.

One headstone to the memory of the valiant Captain George Denison, died 1694, æ. 74, was restored and preserved by descendants whose prompt contributions exceeded the amount necessary for Captain Denison's memorial, and a balance helped to swell the "Fund" to care for other less well-remembered monuments.

Contributors.

Bemis, Mrs. Rebecca Denison,	Island Point, Vt.
Benedict, Mrs. Fannie Tuttle,	Waterbury, Conn.
Cheney, Mrs. Louis R. (Mary A. Robinson),	Hartford
Dayton, Mrs. Wallace E.,	Plymouth, Conn.
Denison, Mr. Adelbert S.,	Boston, Mass.
Denison, Mr. Oscar A.,	Bennington, Vt.
Dennison, Mr. Elias B. and Family,	Portland, Me.
Dennison, Captain George,	Portland, Me.
Dennison, Mr. Isaac A.,	Mechanic's Falls, Me.
Dixon, Miss Elizabeth L.,	Hartford
Perkins, Miss Alice M.,	Winsted, Conn.
Perkins, Mrs. Alice M. Denison,	New Haven, Conn.
Perkins, Mr. Edward S.,	New Haven, Conn.
Perkins, Mr. Oscar F.,	Winsted, Conn.
Roberts, Mrs. Harvey L.,	Winsted, Conn.
Robinson, Miss Eliza Trumbull,	Hartford
Robinson, Hon. Henry C.,	Hartford
Shipman, Mrs. Nathaniel (Mary Robinson),	Hartford
Tuttle, Mrs. Annie Bemis,	Winsted, Conn.
Tuttle, Mr. Edward L.,	Waterbury, Conn.
Welling, Mrs. James C. (Clementina L. Dixon),	Hartford
Woodward, Mrs. P. H.,	Hartford

DORR.

Table-stone to the memory of Rev. Edward Dorr, died 1772, ae. 50, and wife, Helena, daughter of Gov. Talcott. As there were no descendants, the First Church, of which he was pastor twenty-five years, very promptly cared for his memorial. After his death his widow married Rev. Robert Breck, Springfield, Mass. She died 1798, ae. 78.

EDWARDS.

Two headstones, one to Richard Edwards, died 1718, ae. 71, and another to his wife, Mary, died 1723, ae. 62, and his son Samuel, died 1732, ae. 30, done by descendants :

Glazier, Mrs. Frank D. (Emily Williams) and Family, So. Glastonbury, Conn.
 Welch, Mrs. Lewis S. (Mary Williams) and Family, . . . New Haven, Conn.
 Williams, Mrs. Bernard T. (Frances Welch) and Family, . . . Hartford
 Williams, Mr. George Goodwin, Hartford

For "Families" see Goodwin list.

EGGLESTON.

One headstone to Elihu Eggleston, died 1803, ae. 59, done by descendant :

Stokes, Miss Olivia Eggleston Phelps, New York City

ENSIGN.

Stone of Moses Ensign, died 1751, ae. 45, done by :

Ensign, Mr. Charles S., Newton, Mass.

Stone of Lucretia Ensign, wife of Thomas, died 1791, ae. 21, done by :

Allbee, Mr. John, Jr., Boston, Mass.

Other stones done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

FISH.

A table-stone to Dr. Eliakim Fish,* died 1804, ae. 63, and wife, Sarah, died 1803, ae. 66, done by great-grandson :

Buell, Dr. George C., Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Fish's only child, Becca, married Jesse Root, son of Hon. Jesse Root, of Coventry and Hartford.

A marble headstone to Mrs. Huldah (Corning) Fish, wife of Miller Fish, was badly defaced. She died 1806, ae. 41, leaving eight children.

Two descendants have been interested in its restoration :

Fish, Miss Huldah, Hartford
 Wheaton, Mrs. Charles, Aurora, Ill.

GARDINER.

The sarcophagus to David Gardiner, died 1689, ae. 54, is one of the oldest as well as one of the most interesting in the yard, and is almost invariably inquired

* See Caldwell

for by strangers. The following quaint inscription gives in dramatic terseness the story of his sudden demise, while serving as Deputy to the General Court of Hartford.

"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF MR. DAVID GARDINER OF GARDINER'S ISLAND.
DECEASED JULY 10TH, 1689 IN THE FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR OF HIS AGE.
WELL—SICK—DEAD—IN ONE HOUR'S SPACE.

Engrave the remembrance of Death on thine heart.
When as thou dost see how swiftly hours depart.

BORN AT SAYBROOK, APRIL 29, 1636.

THE FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN IN CONNECTICUT."

This tomb was put in perfect order by a descendant :

Gardiner, Mr. Jonathan, East Hampton, L. I.

Later subscriptions were received in memory of this ancestor from :

Osborn, Mrs. H. Fairfield (Lucretia Perry), New York City
Perry, General Alexander J., Washington, D. C.

William Gardiner, died 1766, *ae.* 24, was one of those killed in the schoolhouse explosion. His wife was Eunice Belden, sister of Ruth Belden, who became "Ruth Wyllys," and daughter of Col. Thomas and Ruth (Wyllys) [Lord] Belden, of Wethersfield. One son died unmarried. He was a son of John and Mary (Taylor) Gardiner, of Boston Neck, Narragansett, and nephew of Rev. Dr. MacSparran, of Narragansett, prominent Church-of-England people. He was buried with the service of this Church, the Rev. Mr. Peters, rector of Hebron, officiating. Hartford at that time had no parish of the Church of England. The Rev. William Gibbs, the first rector of St. Andrew's Parish, of Simsbury, came occasionally to perform baptisms, and later Rev. Roger Viets was made rector of this Church, which was the first Episcopal parish in this part of Connecticut.

The Ruth Wyllys Chapter cared for this stone.

GILBERT.

Two stones to Cornet Jonathan Gilbert, died 1682, *ae.* 64, and wife, Mary Welles, died 1700, *ae.* 74, done by descendants :

Clarke, Mrs. L. Ward (Mary Hall), Rochester, N. Y.
Gilbert, Mr. Charles E., Hartford
Gilbert, Dr. Samuel D., New Haven, Conn.
Hall, Mrs. John Meigs, Hartford
Tuller, Mrs. Charles D., Hartford

GOODRICH.

One stone to Mrs. Abigail, first wife of Lieut. Gov. Chauncey Goodrich, died 1778, *ae.* 24, (daughter of Deacon Solomon and Abigail (Talcott) Smith).

One relative contributed towards its preservation, the Ruth Wyllys Chapter assuming most of the expense.

Curtis, Mrs. Lucius Q. (Emily Chauncey), Hartford

GOODWIN.

Several Goodwin stones were restored and preserved by descendants. Among them a very old one to Sarah, first wife to Nathaniel 2 (Ozias 1) Goodwin, and daughter of John and Hannah Coles, died 1676, *ae.* 29. Her sister, Hannah Coles, died 1689, *ae.* 45, wife of Hon. Caleb Stanley, was buried near, and her stone also survives.

Many members of this numerous family were buried in the ground upon which the Waverly building now stands, and some stones were destroyed to accommodate this large structure, the entire cellar of which was part of the original cemetery, where hundreds of Hartford's early citizens were laid, not, alas! in their "last" resting-place.

To the first Ozias Goodwin, one of the Original Proprietors of Hartford, and founder of the Goodwin family in this part of the country, born 1598, died 1683, and Mary Woodward, his wife, died before 1683, a memorial headstone has been erected. It is of brown stone most carefully selected, "cut on its own base" and carved in design of the 17th century, copied from an ancient stone bearing date of death nearly the same as that of Ozias Goodwin.

Many descendants thus paid respect to the founder of this family in America, by contributing to this memorial.

Contributors.

Baldwin, Miss Anna Goodwin,	Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Baldwin, Miss Florence,	Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Baldwin, Mrs. Julia S. R.,	Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Brainerd, Miss Helen,	Berlin, Conn.
Bulkley, Mrs. Justus (Mary Adams),	Rye, N. Y.
Cameron, Mrs. Charles E. (Mabel Ward),	Hartford
Carrington, Mr. George M.,	Winsted, Conn.
Clement, Miss Margaret Goodwin,	Rutland, Vt.
Clement, Mrs. Percival W. (Maria H. Goodwin),	Rutland, Vt.
Colt, Mrs. Samuel C. (Mary Goodwin),	Farmington, Conn.
Cone, Miss Clara M.,	Hartford
Cone, Mr. Harry F.,	Hartford
Cone, Miss Lilian C.,	Hartford
Curtis, Rev. Lucius Q.,	Hartford
Dwight, Mrs. Henry C., Jr. (Edith Ward),	Hartford
Galpin, Miss Ruth,	Berlin, Conn.
Glazier, Mrs. Frank D. (Emily Williams),	So. Glastonbury, Conn.
Glazier, Mr. Franklin Williams,	So. Glastonbury, Conn.
Glazier, Miss Mary Edwards,	So. Glastonbury, Conn.
Glazier, Mr. Philip Alden,	So. Glastonbury, Conn.
Glazier, Mr. William Stuart,	So. Glastonbury, Conn.
Goodwin, Miss Alice Fenwick (Mrs. Benjamin W. Morris, Jr.),	New York City
Goodwin, Miss Anna M.,	Hartford
Goodwin, Miss Carolyn A.,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. Charles Archibald,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. Charles Lincoln,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. Edwin Pratt,	New York City
Goodwin, Miss Elizabeth Williams,	Hartford
Goodwin, Rev. Francis,	Hartford

Goodwin, Mr. Francis Spencer,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. George Russell,	Hartford
Goodwin, Miss Harriet,	Hartford
Goodwin, Miss Harriet L.,	Hartford
Goodwin, Miss Harriet Louise,	New York City
Goodwin, Miss Harriet T.,	Burnside, Conn.
Goodwin, Mr. Howard,	Hartford
Goodwin, Rev. James,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. James J.,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. James Lester,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. James Lippincott,	New York City
Goodwin, Miss Jeannette,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. Lester H.,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. Philip Lippincott,	New York City
Goodwin, Miss Sarah Morgan (Mrs. Henry S. Robinson),	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. Walter Lippincott,	Hartford
Goodwin, Mr. William,	Hartford
Haskell, Mrs. Kittie Selden Cook,	Hartford
Holcombe, Miss Emily Marguerite,	Hartford
Holcombe, Mr. Harold Goodwin,	Hartford
Holcombe, Mrs. John M. (Emily S. Goodwin),	Hartford
Holcombe, Master John Marshall, Jr.,	Hartford
Jackson, Mrs. Cyrus F. (Jessie Keyes Anthony),	Rockville, Conn.
Jackson, Miss Katherine Seymour,	New York City
MacWhorter, Mrs. G. G. (Sarah Deborah Adams),	Augusta, Ga.
Moore, Miss Anna Welles,	Hartford
Parker, Mrs. John Dwight (Caroline A. Goodwin),	Hartford
Pelton, Miss Edith Chester,	Hartford
Pelton, Mr. William Horace,	Hartford
Pelton, Mrs. William N. (Julia G. Stillman),	Hartford
Perkins, Mrs. George C. (Mary Roberts),	Hartford
Perry, Mrs. Alexander J. (Josephine Adams),	Washington, D. C.
Pinney, Mrs. Maria Watson,	Derby, Conn.
Pitkin, Mrs. Albert Palmer (Louise Goodwin),	Hartford
Prescott, Mrs. William H. (Celia G.),	Rockville, Conn.
Rodgers, Mrs. Elizabeth S.,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Smith, Mrs. Charles H. (Jane T. Hills),	Hartford
Stillman, Miss Marjorie Goodwin,	Hartford
Sturges, Mrs. Henry C. (Sarah Adams),	Fairfield, Conn.
Talcott, Mr. George S.,	New Britain, Conn.
Talcott, Miss Mary Kingsbury,	Hartford
Tompkins, Mrs. Charlotte Merrill,	Newport, R. I.
Tompkins, Mr. Hamilton B.,	Newport, R. I.
Ward, Mrs. Austin M. (Delia B.),	Hartford
Ward, Mr. James A.,	Hartford
Welch, Miss Emily Williams,	New Haven, Conn.
Welch, Mrs. Lewis S. (Mary Stuart Williams),	New Haven, Conn.
Williams, Mrs. Bernard T. (Frances Goodwin Welch),	Hartford
Williams, Miss Elizabeth Trumbull,	Hartford
Williams, Miss Frances Welch,	Hartford
Williams, Mr. George Goodwin,	Hartford
Williams, Miss Margaret Huntington,	Hartford

Stones of Hannah Goodwin, died 1805, æ. 48, and her infant son, Manning Goodwin, done by her descendant :

Dickerson, Mrs. Mary A. Foster,	Hartford
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HAMLIN.

One headstone to Giles Hamlin, died 1712, *ae.* 21, done by descendants :

Jackson, Mr. Charles E.,	Middletown, Conn.
Pelton, Mr. Charles A.,	Middletown, Conn.

HAYNES.

A brown table-stone is the memorial to a man conspicuous in colonial history who "buildded better than he knew," John Haynes, "One of the Three Illustrious Framers of the first Written Constitution creating a Government upon which were based the Principles of American Constitutional Liberty." He was Governor of Massachusetts in 1635, and such was his ability that great efforts were made to retain him, and that conspicuous body of men known later as the "Hooker Company," in the Massachusetts Colony. Cotton Mather says that "Massachusetts was suffering more from poverty of men than anything else" at that time. No overtures could however serve to retain them, and we all know of the June pilgrimage in 1636. John Haynes was the first Governor of Connecticut, 1639, and continued in office every eligible year until his death, 1654. (The law prevented consecutive terms.)

This stone and another memorialize three generations of the Haynes family. Both have been put in perfect order and preserved by the descendants, whose responses were most prompt and generous.

The Memorial Gateway to Governor Haynes, given by the Misses Olivia and Caroline Phelps Stokes, of New York, is fully described in the Regent's report.

The Governor Haynes table monument and other Haynes memorials were done by the following descendants :

Bliss, Mr. John,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Cheney, Miss Alice B.,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cheney, Miss Eliza Trumbull,	Hartford
Cheney, Col. Frank Woodbridge and Family,	So. Manchester, Conn.
(See Wyllis List.)	
Cheney, Col. Louis Richmond,	Hartford
Cheney, Miss Mary,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cooley, Dr. George Pitkin,	New Britain, Conn.
Darling, Gen. Charles W.,	Utica, N. Y.
Day, Miss Alice Hooker,	Hartford
Day, Miss Caroline E.,	Hartford
Day, Mr. John C.,	Hartford
Day, Miss Katherine Seymour,	Hartford
Ferguson, Mrs. Walter,	Stamford, Conn.
Garmany, Mrs. Howard H. (Caroline D. Bissell),	Hartford
Hathaway, Miss Jeannette,	Rochester, N. Y.
Hathaway, Miss Mary L.,	Rochester, N. Y.
Hicks, Mrs. Lewis W. (Elizabeth Hibbard Barrett),	Hartford
Hooker, Mrs. Edward W. (Mary Mather Turner),	Hartford
Hooker, Miss Rosalie,	Hartford
Jackson, Miss Elizabeth Huntington Wolcott,	New York City
Jackson, Mrs. Joseph C. (Katherine Perkins Day),	New York City
Jackson, Mr. Joseph Cook, Jr.,	New York City
Jackson, Mr. John Day,	New York City
Jackson, Miss Katherine Seymour,	New York City

Lee, Mrs. Charles N. (Harriet Wells),	New York City
Lord, Rev. A. M.,	Providence, R. I.
Lord, Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes,	Somerville, N. J.
Maynard, Mrs. John F. (Mary A. Beardsley),	Utica, N. Y.
Perkins, Mr. Edward Carter,	Hartford
Perkins, Mr. Henry Augustus,	Hartford
Perkins, Miss Mabel Harlakenden,	Hartford
Seymour, Miss Emily,	Hartford
Seymour, Prof. Thomas Day,	New Haven, Conn.
Stokes, Mr. Anson Phelps,	New York City
Stokes, Miss Caroline Phelps,	New York City
Stokes, Miss Olivia E. Phelps,	New York City
Talcott, Miss Mary Kingsbury,	Hartford
Taylor, Miss Gertrude,	Sandusky, Ohio
Taylor, Mr. James P.,	Hartford
Terry, Miss Eunice,	New York City
Terry, Mr. Frederick P.,	New York City
Terry, Mr. John T.,	New York City
Terry, Mr. John T., Jr.,	New York City
Terry, Mr. John T., 3d,	New York City
Terry, Miss Mary Halstead,	New York City
Terry, Rev. Roderick,	New York City
Terry, Mr. Roderick, Jr.,	New York City
Turner, Mrs. Charles P. (Julia Francis Mather),	Philadelphia, Pa.
Wells, Miss Julia Chester,	New York City
White, Miss,	Stamford, Conn.
Woolworth, Mrs. J. A.,	Sandusky, Ohio

HINSDALE.

Three headstones, Barnabas Hinsdale, born Feb. 20, 1668, died Jan. 25, 1725, æ. 58, Magdalen Hinsdale, wife of his grandson, Capt. Barnabas Hinsdale, who served in the Revolution, died 1782, æ. 42 (daughter of Captain Jonathan and Mary (Bull) Seymour), and Experience, wife of Amos Hinsdale, died 1781, æ. 61.

Restored and preserved by descendants:

Bollman, Mrs. George,	Westchester, Pa.
Butler, Mr. Henry,	Germantown, Pa.
Butler, Mr. Henry, Jr.,	Germantown, Pa.
Butler, Mr. Louis,	Germantown, Pa.
Butler, Miss Sarah L.,	Westchester, Pa.
De Con, Mrs. James,	Trenton, N. J.
Hastings, Mrs. J. M.,	Westchester, Pa.
Hinsdale, Miss Cornelia G.,	Lakewood, N. J.
Hinsdale, Miss Harriet M.,	Blandford, Mass.
Hinsdale, Mr. Horace G.,	Lakewood, N. J.
Hinsdale, Mr. James C.,	Meriden, Conn.
Hinsdale, Miss Louise G.,	Lakewood, N. J.
Hinsdale, Mr. William B.,	Blandford, Mass.
Van Harlingen, Mrs. Arthur,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Van Harlingen, Mr. J. Martin,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Whiting, Mrs. William,	Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Whitney, Mr. Charles H.,	Philadelphia, Pa.

HOLTOM.

One stone to Deacon Joseph Holtom, died 1770, ae. 77, was done by descendants, the fund being raised by Miss Charlotte Goldthwaite.

Gillett, Mrs. Arthur L. (Mary Bradford Swift),	Hartford
Gillett, Mr. Frederick Webster,	Hartford
Gillett, Mr. Robert Swift,	Hartford
Gilman, Mr. George Hills,	Hartford
Gilman, Miss Julia E. (Mrs. Walter H. Clark),	Hartford
Goldthwaite, Miss Charlotte,	Hartford
Goldthwaite, Miss Jane,	Hartford
Swift, Mrs. Rowland L.,	Hartford
Swift, Miss Sarah Howard,	Hartford



Group of Stones Called "Ministers' Group," after Restoration.

HOOKER.

Rev. Thomas Hooker, died 1647, ae. 61, the "Light of the Western Churches," and leader of that matchless coterie of statesmen and citizens, lies probably under the northwest corner of the present church edifice (statement of the late James B. Hosmer). His memorial, a brown table-stone, is among others forming an unusual group; in close proximity we read illustrious names, and the historical scholar may well feel that here he treads upon holy ground.

To honor this distinguished progenitor, his descendants gave so generously (as well as spontaneously) that not only was every stone bearing the name of

Hooker restored and preserved, but a balance left for the "General Fund." Some of these stones were broken almost beyond recognition, and required an entire front. Small portions of carving remained to show the design, and the epitaphs were secured from the Hoadley list.

Contributors.

Bowman, Miss Clara Lee,	Bristol, Conn.
Bowman, Mrs. George R. (Adaline F. Hill),	Bristol, Conn.
Day, Miss Alice Hooker,	Hartford
Day, Mrs. John C.,	Hartford
Day, Miss Katherine Seymour,	Hartford
Downes, Mr. William E.,	New Haven, Conn.
Gillette, Mr. William,	New York City
Hill, Mrs. William (Nancy Hooker),	Bristol, Conn.
Hooker, Dr. Edward Beecher,	Hartford
Hooker, Miss Helen Frances,	Hartford
Hooker, Mr. Edward Williams,	Hartford
Hooker, Miss Isabel,	Hartford
Hooker, Mr. John,	Hartford
Hooker, Mr. Joseph Kilbourn,	Hartford
Hooker, Mrs. Martha W.,	Hartford
(Widow of Bryan E. Hooker, who was a descendant.)	
Hooker, Miss Rosalie,	Hartford
Hooker, Mr. Thomas,	Hartford
Hooker, Mr. Thomas Williams,	Hartford
Hotchkiss, Mrs. S. M.,	New Haven, Conn.
Lull, Mrs. Edward P. (Emma G.),	Washington, D. C.
Merrill, Mrs. F. J. H. (Winifred Egerton),	Albany, N. Y.
Mitchell, Mr. Charles E.,	Nyack, N. Y.
Newton, Mr. Henry G.,	New Haven, Conn.
Peck, Miss Lucy Anna,	Meriden, Conn.
Street, Mrs. Samuel H.,	New Haven, Conn.
Talcott, Mr. Charles Hooker,	Hartford
Talcott, Mrs. Sarah A.,	Hartford
(Widow of Seth Talcott, who was a descendant.)	
Woodward, Mr. Joseph Hooker,	Hartford

HOPKINS.

One stone to Mrs. Sally Hopkins, wife of Daniel, died 1796, ae. 29, done by descendants :

Butler, Mrs. Albert L. (Frances Clark),	Hartford
Clark, Mr. Charles Hopkins,	Hartford

Other Hopkins stones were done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, authorized by above family representatives.

HOSMER.

Deacon Stephen Hosmer, died 1693, ae. 49, and his son's wife, Susanna, died 1738, ae. 27, and his children Mary, Sarah, and Stephen, were done by his descendants :

Bennett, Mrs. Jane S.,	Hartford
Pember, Mrs. E. H.,	Hartford
Tracy, Mrs. Jessie Nevers,	Hartford
Whittelsey, Mrs. J. A.,	Hartford

Thomas Hosmer, died 1687, *ae.* 83, and wife, Frances, died 1675, *ae.* 75, done by descendant :

Kellogg, Mrs. Stephen W., Waterbury, Conn.

HOWARD.

One stone to John Howard, died 1804, *ae.* 35, done by descendant :

Collins, Mr. Howard, Hartford

HUBBARD.

One stone to Mrs. Cornelia (Willis) Hubbard, wife of Nehemiah Hubbard, of Middletown, died 1781, *ae.* 28. An infant child died two days previous to Mrs. Hubbard's death ; they were probably interred together.

Done by descendants :

Ford, Mrs. G. Tod,
Parsons, Mr. Samuel, New York City

This stone is one of the remarkable examples of what has been accomplished in restoring stones that seemed past redemption. Let it be borne in mind that in every case the reproduction is perfect, and the inscription exact, being taken from the *facsimile* copies made in 1870.

HUDSON.

One marble headstone to Mrs. Maria Trumbull Hudson, died 1805, *ae.* 21, wife of Mayor Henry Hudson, and daughter of his Excellency, the second Governor Trumbull, and Eunice Backus, his wife.

Contributors.

Dana, Mrs. James D. (Henrietta Silliman), New Haven, Conn.
Hubbard, Prof. Oliver P., New York City
(In memory of his wife, Faith Trumbull Silliman.)

Mrs. Dana and Mrs. Hubbard were sisters, and nieces of Mrs. Maria Trumbull Hudson, who, with Mrs. (Professor) Silliman and Mrs. Daniel Wadsworth, were the three daughters of the second Governor Trumbull. Mrs. Hudson died at the early age of 21, and is thus described by a contemporary (manuscript poem supposed to be by Mr. Charles Sigourney, in possession of Miss Mary K. Talcott) :

" Light as the gossamer, with fairy feet,
Maria moves, with gracefulness replete,
Artless as truth she seems—and oft bestows
The modest smile, which softens as she goes."

JONES.

Amasa Jones, died 1785, *ae.* 57, and Hope, his wife, died 1798, *ae.* 63. Daniel Jones, died 1802, *ae.* 46, and Olive Tinker, his wife, died 1788, *ae.* 27. Stones done by descendants :

Beecher, Mrs. Thomas K. (Julia Jones), Elmira, N. Y.
Day, Miss Mary Elizabeth, New Haven, Conn.
Day, Mr. Robert W., Buffalo, N. Y.
Day, Miss Susan M., New Haven, Conn.
Jones, Mrs. Daniel (Harriet A.), Chicago, Ill.
Thacher, Mr. Thomas, New York City

KNEELAND.

A beautiful headstone of Tennessee marble, of colonial design, was, in 1901, erected to the memory of Ebenezer Kneeland, died 1786, *ae.* 33, and Elizabeth Sedgwick, his wife, died 1802, by their two great-granddaughters :

Kneeland, Miss Adele, New York City
 Monroe, Mrs. Henry W. (Alice Taintor Kneeland), New York City

KNOWLES.

Two stones, Captain John Knowles, died 1754, *ae.* 64, and Rachel Olcott, his wife, died 1739, *ae.* 38 ; restored by descendant :

Maynard, Mrs. John F. (Mary A. Beardsley), Utica, N. Y.



Stone Unrecognizable. Identified as that of Austin Ledyard, 1893.

LAWRENCE.

Two stones to Mr. John Lawrence, died 1802, *ae.* 84, Treasurer of Connecticut, and Margaret Chenevard, his wife, died 1775, *ae.* 49, were restored and preserved by their great-granddaughter :

Sheldon, Miss Alicia Adams,* New Britain, Conn.

There are a number of stones in this family group, composed of Chenevards and Beauchamps, done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

LEDYARD.

Among the Ledyard stones is one, the restoration of which I will give as an example of what it has been possible to accomplish with the assistance of Dr. Hoadley's list of inscriptions. In the early part of our work I had been obliged to report, upon inquiry for the stone of Mr. Austin Ledyard, died 1776, *ae.* 25, that it could not be found, and was among those destroyed in recent years. There was one wreck, only one-third of which was standing, the upper portions lying in

* Named for her grandmother, Alicia Adams, the betrothed wife of Nathan Hale.

fragments upon the ground, that constantly attracted my attention and aroused my curiosity. Long past recognition, no one would have thought in the beginning of our work of doing anything with such a broken mass, but the very difficulties of such a task aroused intense interest, and stimulated my energies as to what might be done. Upon examination of Dr. Hoadley's list, I was delighted to find it was the memorial, for which I had been hunting the yard through, to Mr. Austin Ledyard. The original inscription was copied, and then came the problem of the original design; carefully all the fragments were lifted from the ground, cleaned, and on an adjoining table were laid out; slowly the various parts were sorted and fitted; little portions of carving, the end of an angel's wing, a bit of



Austin Ledyard's Stone After Restoration, 1900.

the cherub's crown, gave a complete clue to the original, and now a perfect reproduction of the memorial to Austin Ledyard marks his resting spot, and moreover shows the power of redemption as exemplified in the earnest and painstaking work in the old burying-ground.

A table-stone to John Ledyard bears the date, died 1771, *ae.* 71, and in an open space below we had inscribed, with authority of a descendant, the record of his wife: Mary, wife of John Ledyard, daughter of John Austin and Mary Stanley, and formerly wife of John Ellery, died 1797, *ae.* 82.

John and Mary Ledyard were ancestors of a distinguished progeny, among them the brave Colonel William Ledyard whose tragic murder, September 7, 1781, at the hands of an English officer, marked an almost unexampled violation of international honor.

Another son, Dr. Nathaniel Ledyard, son of John Ledyard and his first wife, Deborah Youngs, died 1766, *ae.* 26, was one of the victims of the schoolhouse explosion. In May, 1766, the Colonies were rejoicing over the repeal of the Stamp Act. A great celebration was in progress in Hartford, the evening to witness illuminations and the display of fireworks. These, with quantities of powder,

were stored in the schoolhouse. Accidentally ignited, a frightful explosion followed, which killed and wounded twenty-seven persons. The epitaph on Dr. Ledyard's tomb, a sort of posthumous soliloquy by the gentleman himself, gives a quaint rendering :

"Just when delivered from her brooding fears
My cheerful country wiped away her tears
Materials wrought the public joy to aid
With dire explosion snapped my vital thread,
And life's rich zest—the bliss of being free
Proved the sad cause of bitter death to me."

Dr. Ledyard left a widow, Hepzibah, daughter of Captain Thomas and Hepzibah (Merrill) Seymour, and whose second husband was John Skinner, who died 1791, *ae.* 53.

Descendants contributing :

Cogswell, Mr. Ledyard,	Albany, N. Y.
Fairechild, Mrs. Charles S. (Helen L.),	New York City
Goddard, Mrs. Elizabeth Cass Ledyard,	Colorado Springs, Col.
Hodge, Children of Edward B. and Alice Cogswell	
Van Rensselaer Hodge,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, Edward B., Jr., Katherine Cogswell, Margaret E.	
Hodge, Mrs. William H. (Alice C. Weld),	Philadelphia, Pa.
Ledyard, Mr. Lewis Cass,	New York City
Rice, Mrs. William B. (Gertrude Stevens),	New York City
Stevens, Mr. Alexander H.,	Lawrence, L. I.
Stevens, Mr. Byam K.,	New York City
Stevens, Mr. Frederick W.,	New York City
Van Rensselaer, Mr. Alexander,	Fort Washington, Pa.
Weld, Miss Mary E.,	Philadelphia, Pa.

The contributions were so generous from the Ledyard descendants that the sum covered also the large expense of restoring and preserving a table-stone which had left upon it but one of three original tablets, and this to the memory of John Ellery, died 1746, *ae.* 36, first husband of Mary Austin Ellery Ledyard, and her son, John Ellery 2d, died 1764, *ae.* 26, and his wife, Eunice Hooker, died 1800, *ae.* 60. The problem as to the two lost tablets received much attention. It seemed probable that Mrs. Mary Austin Ellery erected it to her father, husband, and children, and that naturally the father's memorial occupied the upper tablet. In support of this reasoning, also, was the fact that when Mr. John Austin Stevens, of Newport, a descendant, visited Hartford, in 1858, Mr. James Hosmer told him that boys had recently removed these tablets, and that it was called the "Austin Stone." There were those who recollected the outer design of the coat-of-arms cut upon the lozenge centre tablet, and as it was that of the Ellery's, their arms were engraved. As Mrs. Mary Austin Ellery became the second wife of John Ledyard and the mother of a number of the Ledyards, it seemed a happy appropriation of the excess of the Ledyard fund to perpetuate the memory of Mary Ledyard's father, John Austin, a man of wealth and position.

Mrs. Mary Ann Ledyard Seymour (daughter of Col. William Ledyard), wife of Major Thomas Y. Seymour, left no direct descendants. Her stone was a very expensive one to treat, as the entire face fell off during the winters of 1898 and 1899, and the carving and inscriptions were elaborate. The restoration has been most satisfactory, and the expense met by the Ledyard fund.

LEETE.

A small stone of rather unusual pattern marks the grave of Governor William Leete, died 1683. For many years this is said to have disappeared until in 1830, after a diligent search, its resting-place was discovered well under ground. By 1897 it had become much disintegrated, and the restoration involved a considerable application of the stone composition, which matched so perfectly that when the carving was completed the result was very satisfactory.



John Haynes Lord and Rachel Lord Stones, identified from Dr. Roadley's List.

The descendants who cared for this valued memorial were :

Collins, Mr. Atwood,	Hartford
Collins, Miss Ellen,	Hartford
Collins, Miss Mary F.,	Hartford
Cook, Miss Mary C.,	Ossining, N. Y.
Dunham, Mrs. Samuel G. (Alice Collins),	Hartford
Howe, Mrs. Daniel R. (Henrietta Collins),	Hartford
Leete, Mr. Theodore W.,	Springfield, Mass.
Palmer, Mrs. William H. (Frances Collins),	Hartford
Strong, Mrs. Maria R. Collins,	Hartford
Winslow, Miss Mary,	Weatogue (Simsbury), Conn.

A granite shaft to the memory of Governor Leete was erected some years since, in expectation, probably, of the destruction of the original.

LORD.

Twenty memorials to this well-known family have been restored and preserved, mostly by descendants. The Ruth Wyllys Chapter made up the balance. As no monument existed to the founder of the family, Thomas Lord, an "Original Proprietor," Mrs. John S. Camp, of Hartford, erected a headstone of antique design and one most appropriate for the period, to the memory of Thomas Lord, born 1585, and Dorothy, his wife, born 1585, died 1676.

Toward the west of the yard stood two tall headstones, bereft each of their mortuary record and adornment of ornate carvings. These proved to be those of Mr. John Haynes Lord, died 1796, *ae.* 72, and wife, Rachel Knowles (daughter of Cap-



Stones of John Haynes Lord and Rachel Lord, after restoration, done by Mr. John Haynes Lord.

tain John and Rachel (Olcott) Knowles), died 1803, *ae.* 77. A communication to Mr. John Haynes Lord, of Somerville, N. J., brought a prompt and cordial response and an order to restore, at his expense, both stones in the best possible manner. (The accompanying cut shows the results.)

The Lord family occupied a prominent position in Hartford, and Lord's Hill was named for some of its representatives.

Contributors.

Bingham, Mr. William,	Cleveland, Ohio
Bliss, Mr. John,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Bulkeley, Miss Elinor,	Hartford
Bulkeley, Master Houghton G.,	Hartford

Bulkeley, Master Morgan G., Jr.,	Hartford
Camp, Mrs. John S. (Susie Healy),	Hartford
Cone, Mrs. Joseph H. (Martha Isham),	Hartford
Cooley, Dr. George Pitkin,	New Britain, Conn.
Corning, Mr. John Jay,	Hartford
Davenport, Mrs. Cynthia,	Colorado Springs, Col.
Hicks, Mrs. Lewis W. (Elizabeth Hibbard Barrett),	Hartford
Kellogg, Mrs. Stephen W. (Lucia Hosmer Andrews),	Waterbury, Conn.
Lee, Mrs. William (Sara White),	Brookline, Mass.
Lord, Rev. A. M.,	Providence, R. I.
Lord, Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes,	Somerville, N. J.
Maynard, Mrs. John F. (Mary A. Beardsley),	Utica, N. Y.
Newell, Mrs. O. S. (Mary O.),	Kenosha, Wis.
Sabin, Mrs. N. Henry (Harriet G.),	Williamstown, Mass.
Salisbury, Mrs. Evelyn McCurdy,	New Haven, Conn.
Sexton, Mrs. Mary Lord,	Hempstead, L. I.
Stillman, Miss Alice W.,	Hartford
Tarbox, Mrs. Henry Fiske (Elizabeth Lord),	Batavia, N. Y.
Talcott, Mr. Thomas H. Lord,	Glastonbury, Conn.
Welles, Miss Julia Chester,	New York City
Wilcox, Mrs. William W.,	Middletown, Conn.

LYMAN.

One stone to Mrs. Martha Lyman, wife of Justin, died 1798, ae. 35, done by great-great-nephew of Mr. Justin Lyman :

Lyman, Mr. Theodore,	Hartford
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MARSH.

Seven Marsh stones were entirely restored and preserved by descendants :

Bishop, Mrs. H. A. (Ellen Marsh),	Cleveland, Ohio
Boardman, Mrs. S. J.,	Newport, R. I.
Edmunds, Mrs. George L. (Susan Marsh),	Philadelphia, Pa.
Kellogg, Mr. C. H.,	Cincinnati, Ohio
Marsh, Mr. H. N.,	Joliet, Ill.
Marsh, Mr. J. S.,	Springfield, Mass.
Newman, Mr. J. L., for his granddaughter, Jane E. Lyman,	Charlottesville, Pa.
Richardson, Mrs. Caroline,	East Billerica, Mass.
Rodgers, Mrs. Talbot Mereer,	Philadelphia, Pa.

McLEAN.

A table-stone called the McLean memorial bears the inscription to three sisters: Mrs. Susannah McLean, wife of Mr. Allen McLean, died 1741, ae. 30, Mrs. Margaret Chenevard, relict of Mr. John Michael Chenevard, died 1783, ae. 76, and Mrs. Maryan Keith, relict first of Captain John Lawrence, second of Captain John Keith, died 1784, ae. 88. These were daughters of Mr. John Beauchamp.

Restored and preserved by :

McLean, Hon. George P.,	Simsbury, Conn.
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A miniature sarcophagus among the Caldwell stones has inscriptions in memory of two children, of different names and fathers but the same mother: Mary, daughter of John and Hannah (Stillman) Caldwell, died 1736, aged 2 years, and Allen McLean, died 1741, aged 3 years, son of Neil and Hannah (Stillman) (Caldwell) McLean.

This little sarcophagus was included in the group of Caldwell stones done by Mrs. Samuel Colt, but later two subscriptions were received from two little girls, in memory of the child bearing the same family name :

McLean, Miss Marguerita E.,	Simsbury, Conn.
McLean, Miss Marian K.,	Simsbury, Conn.

MORRISON.

One headstone to Mrs. Anne Allwood Morrison, died 1763, æt. 64, wife of Dr. Normand Morrison, and formerly widow of Captain John Smith, of Liverpool, England, and later Hartford, done by descendants :

Garrett, Mrs. John (Mary L.),	Hartford
Gray, Miss Ellen W.,	Hartford
Gray, Mr. John S.,	Hartford
Hapgood, Mrs. Melvin H.,	Hartford
Le Roy, Mrs. Sarah J.,	Hartford
Smith, Mr. Charles B.,	Hartford
Staunton, Mrs. Mary Gray,	Hartford
Tracy, Mr. John F.,	Hartford

NICHOLS.

One headstone to Cyprian Nichols, died 1756, æt. 84, done by descendants :

Beach, Miss Agnes Morgan,	Washington, D. C.
Robinson, Master Caldwell Colt,	New York City
Robinson, Mrs. Charles L. F. (Elizabeth Hart Jarvis Beach),	New York City

OLCOTT.

To Mr. Frederick P. Olcott, President Central Trust Company, New York, I bear a keen sense of gratitude. At the inaugural period of the restoration of the ancient stones, a large contribution from this gentleman, with authority to expend it according to my own judgment, enabled me to use the Caffall method of restoration and preservation, thus presenting an entirely new process to the public, and making an experiment for ourselves of a power by which we could accomplish what had been deemed impossible. Every stone bearing the name of Olcott was by this process put in perfect order; one was the largest table-stone in the yard, and several other monuments also were restored (those having no descendants to prove claimants later on, being selected). With the encouragement following the success of this initial work, we bravely pushed forward our rejuvenating mission. In this connection I recall with pleasure that, approaching the close of this work, there was need of a certain amount of money. I was most anxious to sign the contract which should complete the long labor, but a certain sum was lacking. Mr. Dudley Olcott, of Albany, (brother of Mr. Frederick P. Olcott,) happily at this juncture donated a generous sum (the exact figure that I needed), and so in the closing labors, as in the initial move, of this sacred work, were identified representatives of the good old Hartford name of Olcott.

PANTRY.

One headstone to John Pantry, died 1736, æt. 90, done by descendant :

Talcott, Mr. Charles Hooker,	Hartford
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Nathan Payson's Stone before Restoration.



Col. Nathan Payson's Stone after Restoration.
One of the first stones restored.

PAYNE.

Two stones to Benjamin Payne, died 1782, æt. 54, and wife, Rebecca, died 1786, æt. 51, done by descendants:

Butler, Mrs. Albert L. (Frances Clark),	Hartford
Clark, Mr. Charles Hopkins,	Hartford

PAYSON.

One stone to Colonel Nathan Payson, died 1761, æt. 41, done by:

St. John's Lodge of Free Masons No. 4,	Hartford
(In honor of Colonel Payson as an early member Funds raised by Mr. Nelson Hinckley.)	

PITKIN.

One small headstone, much sunken in the ground, with the lettering almost obliterated, marked the grave of a man prominent in affairs in the early Colony, Attorney-General William Pitkin, who died 1694. The inscription was re-cut, the exact lines being followed. This was one of the first stones to receive attention; its destruction had evidently been looked upon as unavoidable, for by its side a headstone had been erected to William Pitkin by a descendant, Mr. William Pitkin, of Rochester, N. Y., in 1857. Strange to say, this modern stone was disintegrating and would not last as long as the original. The work was authorized for the Ruth Wyllys Chapter to accomplish by two descendants, Miss Mary K. Talcott and Mrs. John M. Holcombe, but later the privilege was accorded to another descendant:

Pitkin, Mr. Albert H.,	Hartford
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who desired to assume all responsibility of this and the modern memorial by its side.

PRATT.

An early stone bears the name of Hannah Pratt, wife of Daniel, died 1682, aged about 50.

John Pratt, an Original Proprietor, left two sons, John and Daniel, and this stone of the latter's wife is the first in the yard recording any member of this family. As in several other cases, it is a wife whose stone has survived the lapse of years. Notice:

SUSANNA, wife of CAPTAIN THOMAS BULL,
 SARAH, wife of NATHANIEL GOODWIN,
 FRANCES, wife of THOMAS HOSMER, and
 BENEDICTA, wife of THOMAS STANLEY.

There are several headstones to members of the Pratt family done by following descendants:

Girdner, Mrs. Adela Pratt,	New York City
Kennedy, Mrs. Elijah R. (Lucy Brace Pratt),	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Pratt, Miss Fannie,	Hartford
Pratt, Dr. George K.,	New Orleans, La.
Pratt, Mr. James C.,	Hartford
Pratt, Mr. James T.,	Hartford

Miss Fannie Pratt also restored the stone of Mrs. Sarah Phelps, wife of Timothy Phelps, daughter of Daniel Pratt, who died 1758, in her 97th year.

RICHARDS.

A sarcophagus of very curious imported stone bears a coat-of-arms and inscription to Hon. James Richards,* who was in Hartford as early as 1663. He was Commissioner of the United Colonies, and died 1680, *ae.* 47. He gave fifty pounds to the Latin School in Hartford. One daughter, Jerusha, married Governor Saltonstall, and Elizabeth married John Davie, Harvard, 1681, who succeeded in 1717 to the baronetcy of his grandfather, Sir John Davie, of Creedy, Co. Devon, England. Elizabeth, Lady Davie, died at Creedy.

The treatment was very difficult and expensive, but happily for the "General Fund," the expense was borne by descendants and a gentleman interested in the Chapter's saving work :

Brooker, Hon. Charles A. (not a descendant),	Ansonia, Conn.
Forrest, Mrs. Charles A. (Harriet Chandler),	Hartford
Morgan, Mrs. Junius S. (Josephine Perry),	Princeton, N. J.
Perry, Gen. Alexander J.,	Washington, D. C.

SEYMOUR.

Twenty Seymour stones have been rescued from various stages of decay ; several were badly broken, for, being situated very near tenement buildings, they had been subjected to singularly unpleasant treatment. Some were so disintegrated as to be unrecognizable, and their identity was only established by recourse to Dr. Hoadley's list.

Many of the Seymour stones were very beautiful in design, and represented some of the most prominent people of their day in Hartford. A table monument bears the name of the Hon. Thomas Seymour, a distinguished lawyer, who died in 1767, and a slab is inscribed to the honor and memory of his grandson, "the brave and dashing Light Dragoon, Thomas Youngs Seymour, who figures prominently in Trumbull's painting of Burgoyne's Surrender." His wife was Mary Ann Ledyard, daughter of Col. William Ledyard. She died soon after her marriage and left no direct descendants. As she was a Ledyard, this stone was cared for by the Ledyard Fund.

Contributors were :

Blair, Mrs. William (Sarah S.),	Chicago, Ill.
Brooker, Hon. Charles A.,	Ansonia, Conn.
Bulkley, Mrs. Henry T. (Rebekah W. P.),	Southport, Conn.
Cheney, Mrs. Louis R. (Mary A. Robinson),	Hartford
Day, Miss Alice Hooker,	Hartford
Day, Miss Katherine Seymour,	Hartford
Gross, Mr. Charles E.,	Hartford
Hinsdale, Miss Catherine H.,	Kenosha, Wis.
Howe, Mrs. Wm. T. (Mary Thompson),	Jackson, Miss.
Hunason, Mrs. Virgil P. (Jessie Kittredge),	Yonkers, N. Y.
Jackson, Mrs. Joseph Cook (Katherine Perkins Day),	New York City
Jackson, Miss Katherine Seymour,	New York City
Loomis, Mrs. Archibald G. (Ellen Seymour Hanson),	Hartford
Pinney, Mrs. Maria Watson,	Derby, Conn.
Robinson, Miss Eliza Trumbull,	Hartford
Robinson, Hon. Henry C.,	Hartford

* Son of Thomas Richards, of Weymouth, Mass. His sister married Deputy-Governor William Bradford. The coat-of-arms is that of the family of Richards of East Bagborough, Co. Somerset : Argent, a fess fusilly gules, between two barrulets sable.

Seymour, Miss Emily,	Hartford
Seymour, Mr. George Dudley,	New Haven, Conn.
Seymour, Right Rev. George S., D. D., Bishop of Illinois,	Springfield, Ill.
Seymour, Hon. Julius H.,	New York City
Seymour, Hon. Morris W.,	Bridgeport, Conn.
Seymour, Rev. Storrs O.,	Litchfield, Conn.
Seymour, Prof. Thomas Day,	New Haven, Conn.
Seymour, Mr. William H.,	New York City
Shipman, Mrs. Nathaniel (Mary Robinson),	Hartford
Stanley, Mrs. Frederick North (Alice Moore),	New Britain, Conn.
Talcott, Miss Mary Kingsbury,	Hartford
Trumbull, Miss Annie Eliot,	Hartford
Thompson, Mrs. Hugh Miller,	Jackson, Miss.
Trumbull, Mrs. J. Hammond (Sarah Robinson),	Hartford

SKINNER.

Fourteen Skinner stones were restored and preserved. Those to John Skinner, died 1743, æt. 77, and wife, Rachel Pratt, died 1748, æt. 77, were done by descendants. The fund for this work was in charge of:

Stillman, Miss Alice W.,	Hartford
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It is interesting to know that a portion of this was from a trust fund left for care of family-burial places by Miss Stillman's grandmother, Mrs. George Bacon (Mary Skinner), and her children, Mr. George F. Bacon, Miss Margaret A. Bacon, and Mrs. Amos B. Cox.

The other stones were done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, authorized by family connections.

SMITH.

Table-stone to Deacon Solomon Smith, died 1786, æt. 51, and wife, Anna, daughter of John and Abigail (Tibbals) Talcott, died 1784, æt. 49, done by descendant:

Smith, Mr. Erastus Hyde,	Peoria, Ill.
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Other stones done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

SPENCER.

Two stones to Obadiah Spencer, died 1741, æt. 75, and Abigail, wife of Disbrow Spencer, died 1725, æt. 46, done by relative:

Brainard, Mr. Austin,	Hartford
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STANLEY.

The third oldest stone in the yard is that of Benet (Benedicta) Stanley, alias Wolterton, died 1664. She was the wife of Thomas Stanley, grandmother of Nathaniel 1st, and great-grandmother of Nathaniel 2d, and William. This has been done by the following descendant:

Cone, Mrs. Joseph H. (Martha Isham),	Hartford
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No family has so many memorials bearing very early dates as the Stanleys. Benet 1664, Hannah 1681, Susannah 1683, Sarah 1680, Mary 1698, Hon. Capt. Caleb 1718, Caleb 2d 1712, Hannah (Cowles) 1689, and Sarah (Long) 1698, wives of Caleb; Joseph 1675. This family was of great prominence, and from some contemporaneous writings it would seem their sway was so autocratic as to arouse considerable jealousy.

Descendants contributed to the care of the stones, and with the assistance of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter all were restored and preserved.

Contributors.

Allis, Mr. A. G. S.,	Syracuse, N. Y.
Bolton, Mrs. Charles E. (Sarah Knowles),	Cleveland, Ohio
Bolton, Mr. Charles Knowles,	Boston, Mass.
Cooley, Dr. George Pitkin,	New Britain, Conn.
Francis, Miss Mary,	Hartford
Francis, Mrs. William (Mary J. Miller),	Hartford
Holbrook, Mrs. Anna Stanley,	Angel Island, Cal.
Holcombe, Mrs. John M. (Emily S. Goodwin),	Hartford
Jackson, Mrs. Cyrus F. (Jessie H. Anthony),	Rockville, Conn.
Jewell, Capt. Theodore F., U. S. A.,	Brooklyn Navy Yard, N. Y.
(Gives for the sake of the name; is a descendant of the Maryland Stanley family.)	
McChristie, Mrs. Robert (Jessie C. Jackson),	Rockville, Conn.
Miller, Miss Alice W.,	Boston, Mass.
Miller, Miss Annie C.,	Boston, Mass.
Rose, Mrs. K. S.,	Candor, N. Y.
Rumbough, Mrs. David J. (Lillie Stanley),	Angel Island, Cal.
Stanley, Gen. David Sloane,	Washington, D. C.
Stanley, Lieut. David S., Jr.,	Manila, Philippine Is.
Stanley, Mr. Samuel Goodman,	Brooklyn, N. Y.

William Stanley, who died 1786, æ. 63, was a man of great wealth, all of which he bequeathed to the South Church, after the death of his sister, Abigail, wife of Rev. Elnathan Whitman (pastor of South Church), who had the life use of it.

The church erected to his memory a table-stone, and thus in epitaph recognized its obligations:

"To the memory of Mr. William Stanley, who died December 31, 1786, in the 63d year of his age.

"This monument is erected by the South Society
in Hartford as a testimony of gratitude
for his munificent bequest by which an
ample fund is established for the support
of the Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
in said Society."

For the care of this monument and that of the Rev. Elnathan Whitman, the following ladies of the South Church contributed. Mrs. George F. Hills led the movement and raised the funds:

Bidwell, Miss Elizabeth W.
Bingham, Mrs. Edwin H.
Bliss, Mrs. Mary T.
Catlin, Mrs. A. K.

Cheney, Mrs. Louis R.
Foster, Mrs. Frederick R.
Gilman, Mrs. Ellen H.
Goodwin, Mrs. George

Hall, Mrs. John Meigs
 Harrington, Mrs. Henry E.
 Hills, Mrs. George F.
 Moore, Mrs. James B.
 Morris, Mrs. John E.
 Northam, Mrs. Charles H.

Peck, Miss Cornelia
 Robinson, Mrs. Henry C.
 Smith, Mrs. Charles H.
 Sumner, Mrs. Frank C.
 Tuller, Mrs. Charles D.

STEELE.

Two stones to Jonathan Steele, died 1753, *ae.* 60, and Dorothy Myggat, his wife, died 1775, *ae.* 82, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Webster) Myggat. They were restored and preserved by the following descendants :

Beach, Mr. Charles Edward,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Mr. Charles M.,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Miss Edith,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Miss Frances Antoinette,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Mr. George,	Hartford
Beach, Miss Mary Elizabeth,	West Hartford, Conn.
Beach, Mr. Thomas Belknap,	Hartford
Huntington, Mrs. William W. (Harriet Bradley),	West Hartford, Conn.

STONE.

A table-stone to the Rev. Samuel Stone, second pastor of the First Church, who died 1663, *ae.* 61. This is the second oldest monument in the yard and possesses singular interest. It is a fine type of the colonial style, both in the composition and in the lettering, and is ever an object of interest to the antiquarian as well as the historian and descendant. One in search of pure colonial lettering could not find more perfect examples. The stone is of the smooth red sort in use here in the 17th and 18th centuries ; it is very enduring, vastly more so than the brown sandstone which succeeded it.

This table-stone had endured the ravages of time for a longer period than any other canopy memorial in the yard, and was almost perfect save for a faintness in the letters, which were dimming with age. These were cut a little deeper, but in no way changed, and the monument cleaned and waterproofed.

AN EPITAPH, ON M^r SAMVEL STONE, DECEASED, y^e 61 YEARE OF HIS
 AGE, IVLY 20, 1663.

NEWENGLANDS GLORY & HER RADIANT CROWNE,
 WAS HE WHO NOW IN SOFTEST BED OF DOWNE
 TIL GLORIOVS RESVRRECTION MORNE APPEARE,
 DOTH SAFELY, SWEETELY, SLEEPE IN IESVS HERE :
 IN NATVRE'S SOLID ART, AND REASONING WELL,
 TIS KNOWNE, BEYOND COMPARE, HE DID EXCELL :
 ERRORS CORRYPT, BY SINNEVOVS DISPVTE,
 HE DID OPPVGNÉ, AND CLEARELY THEM CONFVTE :
 ABOVE ALL THINGS HE CHRIST HIS LORD PREFERD,
 HARTFORD ! THY RICHEST IEWEL'S HERE INTERD.

Rev. Samuel Stone left descendants only through his daughters, and it was most difficult to trace them. The following contributed, and the Ruth Wyllys Chapter made up the balance :

Farnham, Miss Alice,	Hartford
Johnson, Mr. S. Albert,	Boonville, N. Y.
Lee, Mr. William Wallace,	Meriden, Conn.
McCook, Mrs. John J. (Eliza Sheldon Butler),	Hartford
Merrill, Mr. F. J. II.,	Albany, N. Y.
Pelton, Mrs. William N. (Julia G. Stillman),	Hartford
Pinney, Mrs. Maria Watson,	Derby, Conn.
Rodgers, Mrs. Elizabeth S.,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Shepard, Mrs. Celia Adelaide,	New Britain, Conn.
Shepard, Miss Celia Antoinette,	New Britain, Conn.
Stanley, Mrs. Frederick North (Alice Moore),	New Britain, Conn.
Stillman, Miss Marjorie Goodwin,	Hartford
Talcott, Mr. George S.,	New Britain, Conn.
Whiting, Miss Helen F.,	West Hartford, Conn.
Woodford, Miss Esther B.,	Middlebury, Conn.

TALCOTT.

The handsome table-monument to Hon. Gov. Joseph Talcott, died 1741, had suffered considerable decay, and the loss of two tablets, probably of lead. These were replaced ; the Talcott coat-of-arms, which was formerly on one of them, was furnished by Miss Mary K. Talcott, and carved upon the slate tablet ; upon the other was inscribed the epitaph, Joseph Talcott, and his wives, Abigail Clark, died 1704, *ae.* 25, and Eunice Howell, died 1738, *ae.* 60. There are also four headstones, John, died 1771, *ae.* 73, and wife, Abigail, died 1784, *ae.* 80, Joseph, died 1799, *ae.* 62, and Mrs. Mabel (Wyllys) Talcott, wife of Samuel, died Feb. 13, 1775, *ae.* 62. (Account of latter in Regent's report.)

The following descendants and collateral relatives contributed, and the Ruth Wyllys Chapter made up the balance :

Emerson, Mrs. Ralph (Adaline Talcott),	Rockford, Ill.
Mather, Mr. Horace E.,	Hartford
Russell, Mr. Talcott H.,	New Haven, Conn.
Stanley, Mrs. Frederick North (Alice Moore),	New Britain, Conn.
Talcott, Mr. Charles Hooker,	Hartford
Talcott, Mr. George S.,	New Britain, Conn.
Talcott, Mr. James,	New York City
Talcott, Miss Mary Kingsbury,	Hartford
Talcott, Mrs. Sarah A.,	Hartford
(Widow of Seth Talcott, who was a collateral descendant.)	
Talcott, Mr. Thomas H. Lord,	Glastonbury, Conn.
Terry, Miss Harriet Wadsworth,	New Haven, Conn.
Wainwright, Miss Mabel Wyllys,	Hartford
Wainwright, Mrs. W. A. M. (Helena Talcott),	Hartford
Walker, Mrs. George Leon (Amelia Larned),	Hartford
Wells, Miss Julia Chester,	New York City

WADSWORTH.

A name prominently identified with Hartford is that of Wadsworth. The first William who came in the "Hooker Company," 1636, was among the governing forces of the infant Colony, and Deputy many sessions. His son, Captain Joseph

Wadsworth, possessed a dauntless courage that on more than one occasion made him a conspicuous figure, and his act in hiding the Charter, so precious to the Connecticut Colony, has secured to Hartford a wide celebrity as the home of the "Charter Oak." To neither of these early members of the family is there any stone existing, but the following descendants contributed in their memory to the general fund :

Francis, Miss Mary,	Hartford
Gross, Mr. Charles E.,	Hartford
Holcombe, Mr. John M.,	Hartford
Johnson, Miss Eleanor,	Hartford
Johnson, Miss Mabel,	Hartford
Seymour, Hon. Morris W.,	Bridgeport, Conn.
Stanley, Mrs. Frederick N. (Alice Moore),	New Britain, Conn.

Facing the old entrance from Main Street is a broken shaft of brown stone to the memory of Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth, who died in 1804, *ae.* 61. He was Commissary-General in the War of the Revolution, and a friend of Washington. His residence on Main Street (on which site the Wadsworth Athenæum now stands) was renowned for its social life and hospitality. Here George Washington spent a night when on his way from Philadelphia to Cambridge, and here, under a spreading elm in front of the house, the host met his distinguished guest. The one hundred and nineteenth anniversary of this occasion was celebrated by the Sons of the American Revolution, who placed on the tree a bronze tablet bearing this inscription :

Wadsworth Elm.
George Washington
During His First Visit to
Connecticut, June 29, 1775.
While on His Way to Take Command of
The Army at Cambridge,
Was Here Entertained by
Captain Jeremiah Wadsworth.

To Record the Event and Honor His Memory
The Connecticut Society of
Sons of the American Revolution
Have Placed This
Tablet.
1894.

Besides the shaft there are several large sarcophagi to the memory of members of this family. These were all put in order a number of years since by descendants, but such had been the injury received from dampness in the intervening years, that they again required treatment to insure preservation, and the expense was mostly borne by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter. Contributions were received from the following descendants :

Closson, Mrs. Ellen B.,	Orange, N. J.
Whitney, Mrs. Henry H. (Julia W. C. Closson),	Washington, D. C.
Lull, Mrs. Edwin P. (Eunice G. Terry),	Trenton, N. J.

The headstone to Mrs. Millicent Wadsworth, died 1790, ae. 67, wife of Captain Samuel, was seriously broken, and her grandson :

Russell, Dr. Gurdon Wadsworth, Hartford

erected in its place a memorial of slate carved in colonial fashion. This material he selected for its enduring qualities.

WATSON.

Several Watson stones were east of the Seymour group and were sacrificed when the buildings on Main Street were erected. Several remain, among them



Rev. Elnathan Whitman's Stone before Restoration.

John Watson, died 1795, ae. 65, and Hannah (Pratt), died 1799, ae. 71. These were attended to by two descendants :

Gay, Mrs. Henry (Charlotte Watson), Winsted, Conn.

Pinney, Mrs. Maria Watson, Derby, Conn.

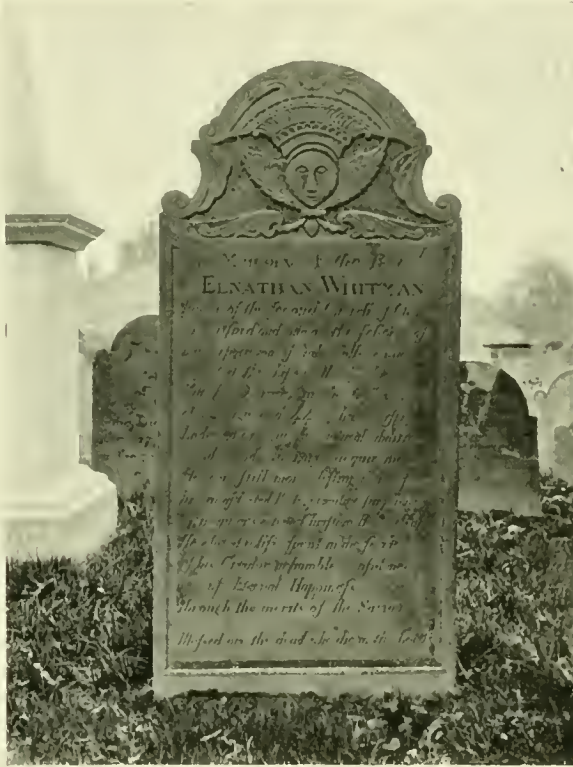
The Ruth Wyllys Chapter put all the others in perfect order.

WHITMAN.

A white marble obelisk to the memory of Mrs. Lucy Whitman, wife of Dr. William Whitman, was erected by her son, George Beach. She died 1801, ae. 32. The monument was repaired and preserved by her grandson, Mr. George Beach, 2d.

A stone conspicuous for its very long inscription was that to the Rev. Elnathan Whitman, died 1777, æt. 68, pastor of the South Church forty-five years. The frosts of a winter some seven or eight years past robbed it of the entire face save a little fragment of the long inscription. Fortunately photographs had been taken by Mr. George Seyms the season previous.

The restoration was accomplished in the usual way, the pattern of the original as shown in the photographs being followed exactly. The ladies of the South Church whose names are under the Nathaniel Stanley stone assumed also the expense of restoring and preserving this monument.



Rev. Elnathan Whitman's Stone after Restoration.

WILLIAMSON.

Caleb Williamson, died 1738, æt. 87. and wife, Mary Cobb, died 1737, æt. 77, and Anna Cadwell, wife of Ebenezer, died 1750, æt. 49.

Done by descendant :

Goodwin, Mr. James J., Hartford

EPITAPH.

Here lies interd ye Body of Mrs. Mary, ye wife of Capt. Caleb
Williamson whos Holey Sol Took its
Flight from Hartford To ye Heavenly Mansions on December
the 16th, 1737. Ætatis Suae 77 years.

WINCHESTER.

One stone to Rev. Elhanan Winchester, died 1797, æt 46, done by the Universalist Church, of which he was pastor.

Subscription raised by :

Fowler, Miss Emma G., Hartford

WOODBIDGE.

On a brown table-stone is an inscription to Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, pastor of the First Church forty-seven years, who died 1732, also one to Rev. Isaac Foster, who died 1682, after a pastorate over the same society of but two years. He left a widow, Mabel Wyllys, daughter of Samuel Wyllys and Ruth Haynes, formerly wife of Rev. Daniel Russell, of Charlestown, Mass. : she later married Mr. Foster's successor, Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, thus having had three husbands who were clergymen. She died 1698, aged 40, and was herself succeeded by a Mrs. Howell, and by Abigail Warren, widow of Richard Lord, who became the third wife of Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, and died 1754, aged 77, and lies buried beside her first husband, Richard Lord. This seems mostly a matrimonial chronicle, but such a variety of unions was not uncommon in the colonial days, offering complications most perplexing to the genealogist.

This monument was cared for by descendants of Mrs. Mabel (Wyllys) Woodbridge, by her two husbands, Rev. Daniel Russell, and Rev. Timothy Woodbridge.

Contributors.

Cheney, Miss Alice,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cheney, Col. Frank Woodbridge and Family,	So. Manchester, Conn.
(See Wyllys list.)	
Cheney, Miss Mary,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Goodnow, Mrs. Jotham (Elizabeth Woodbridge), . . .	Richmond, Va.
(A descendant of Rev. John Woodbridge, brother of Rev. Timothy.)	
Seymour, Miss Emily,	Hartford
Stokes, Mr. Anson Phelps,	New York City
Stokes, Miss Caroline Phelps,	New York City
Stokes, Miss Olivia E. Phelps,	New York City
Talcott, Miss Mary Kingsbury,	Hartford
Williams, Right Rev. John, D. D., Bishop of Conn., . .	Middletown, Conn.

WYLLYS.

Strangely enough not a stone in the yard had ever borne the honored name of Wyllys, one so identified with the history of Hartford. From the first George Wyllys, who was Governor of the Colony, down through the long period of one hundred and forty years, some one of his direct descendants filled a high official position. His grandson, Hezekiah, was Secretary of the Colony in 1711; succeeded by his son, George, who filled the position sixty-four years; then again his place was filled by the next generation—his son, Gen. Samuel Wyllys, who held it until 1809. "Thus this office, so important in the history of the colony, was held for ninety-eight years without a break by father, son, and grandson."

"It is believed," says I. W. Stuart, "that this instance of perpetuation of high office in the same family for so long a term of years is without a parallel in this country."

The family seemed to entertain some prejudice against mortuary memorials, and Miss Mary K. Talcott, a descendant, who has spent much time studying the

family, says "Pride was a distinguishing characteristic of the Wyllyses. The story is told that one member of the family said, in more forcible than elegant phrase, that 'if the State of Connecticut could not remember the Wyllyses without monuments their memory might rot!'"

Many of their descendants of the present day deemed it a privilege to erect a memorial, and one which is a faithful reproduction of an impressive style used in the 17th century was selected as appropriate, one even the first George himself might have approved: a cenotaph of brown stone with a scroll top similar in contour to the famous tomb of Lady Fenwick at Saybrook. (It may be interesting to note here that Lady Fenwick was a member of the First Church at Hartford.) The Wyllys coat-of-arms is on the east end, and on two sides are engraved the family line as arranged by Miss Talcott.



Wyllys Monument. Erected by Descendants.

This monument was given by the following descendants:

Bliss, Mr. John,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Cheney, Miss Alice,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cheney, Miss Dorothy,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cheney, Miss Eliza Trumbull,	Hartford
Cheney, Col. Frank W.,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cheney, Major Louis Richmond,	Hartford
Cheney, Miss Marjorie,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cheney, Miss Mary,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cheney, Miss Ruth,	So. Manchester, Conn.
Cooley, Dr. George Pitkin,	New Britain, Conn.
Crouse, Mrs. Beecher M. (Louise S. Knous),	Utica, N. Y.
Cutler, Miss Charlotte Elizabeth,	Hartford
Cutler, Mr. Ralph Dennis,	Hartford
Cutler, Mr. Ralph W.,	Hartford
Cutler, Miss Ruth Hinman,	Hartford
Day, Miss Alice Hooker,	Hartford
Day, Miss Caroline E.,	Hartford
Day, Mr. John C.,	Hartford

Day, Miss Katherine Seymour,	Hartford
Garmany, Mrs. Howard H. (Caroline Day Bissell),	Hartford
Hicks, Mrs. Lewis W. (Elizabeth Hibbard Barrett),	Hartford
Hoppin, Mrs. J. Mason,	New Haven, Conn.
Knous, Mrs. Jacob (Caroline Shultas),	Hartford
Learned, Mrs. Henry B. (Emily Cheney),	New Haven, Conn.
Moore, Miss Annie Richards,	Hartford
Moore, Mrs. George W. (Laura Colton),	Hartford
Moore, Mr. James B.,	Hartford
Moore, Mr. James Richards,	Hartford
Moore, Miss Laura Catherine,	Hartford
Parker, Mrs. Lewis D. (Carrie Knous),	Hartford
Quincy, Miss Mary Perkins,	New Haven, Conn.
Seymour, Miss Emily,	Hartford
Seymour, Prof. Thomas Day,	New Haven, Conn.
Smith, Mrs. Charles H. (Jane T. Hills),	Hartford
Stokes, Mr. Anson Phelps,	New York City
Stokes, Miss Caroline Phelps,	New York City
Stokes, Miss Olivia E. Phelps,	New York City
Talcott, Miss Mary Kingsbury,	Hartford
Terry, Mr. John T. and Family,	New York City
(See Haynes list.)	
White, Mr. Charles A.,	New Haven, Conn.
Dixon, Miss Elizabeth L., and	Hartford
Welling, Mrs. James C. (Clementine Dixon),	Hartford

(In memory of Ruth Wyllys, who, as second wife of Rev. Edward Taylor, ably reared both her step-children and her own. Mrs. Welling and Miss Dixon are descended from Rev. Edward Taylor and his first wife, Elizabeth Fitch.)

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MEMORY OF ANCESTORS FOR WHOM NO STONES EXIST.

Bulkley, Mrs. Justus (Mary Adams),	Rye, N. Y.
(Gives in memory of her ancestors, Gov. John Webster, John Marsh 1st, and Richard Lyman.)	
MaeWhorter, Mrs. G. G. (Sarah Deborah Adams),	Augusta, Ga.
Sturges, Mrs. Henry C. (Sarah Adams),	Fairfield, Conn.
(Give in memory of their ancestors, Gov. Webster, John Marsh, and Richard Lyman. Descent through grandmother, Deborah Marsh Adams.)	
Mason, Mrs. A. Livingston,	Newport, R. I.
(Wished to be identified with the work, and as the tomb of her ancestor, David Gardiner, had been already cared for by another descendant, contributed in his memory to general improvement.)	
Osborne, Mrs. H. Fairfield (Lucretia Perry),	New York City
(Gives in memory of David Gardiner and John Marsh.)	
Pardee, Mr. E. H.,	New York City
(Gives in memory of ancestor, John Clarke.)	
Perry, Mrs. Alexander J. (Josephine Adams),	Washington, D. C.
(Gives in memory of her ancestors, Gov. Webster, John Marsh, and Richard Lyman.)	
Perry, Gen. Alexander J.,	Washington, D. C.
(Gives in memory of his ancestors, James Richards, David Gardiner, and William Gibbon.)	

In addition to those names already recorded as contributors, it seems just to record those who spontaneously and generously aided in the reception to contributors on June 8, 1899, and in the celebration on June 17.

In recognition and gratitude, therefore, I place the following among our list of contributors :

Barrett Brothers erected a large platform, free of expense to the Chapter.
 Colt's full Brass Band under leader, Mr. Scott Snow, at celebration.
 Emmons's Orchestra at reception on June 8.
 J. A. McClunie, decorations.
 P. & J. Besse, refreshments at reception, reduced price.
 W. H. Post Co., loan of rugs at reception.
 John Coombs, plants.
 D. A. Spear, flowers.
 Hurd & Mellen.
 C. B. Boardman, carriages furnished for parade on June 17, at reduced price.
 Peter Lux, chairs for celebration, reduced price.
 Board of Park Commissioners, loan of grand stand for band.

In the center of the cemetery is a venerable monument erected in 1835 to the memory of the "Founders of Hartford," and bearing the following names :

NAMES ON THE CENTRAL MONUMENT.

John Haynes,	Samuel Wakeman,	Richard Olmsted,
Thomas Hooker,	Jeremy Adams,	Richard Risley,
George Wyllys,	Richard Lyman,	Robert Bartlett,
Edward Hopkins,	William Butler,	Thomas Root,
Matthew Allyn,	Thomas Lord,	John Wilcox,
Thomas Welles,	Matthew Marvin,	Richard Seymour,
John Webster,	Gregory Wolterton,	Benjamin Burr,
William Whiting,	Andrew Bacon,	John Bidwell,
John Talcott,	John Barnard,	Nathaniel Ely,
Andrew Warner,	Richard Goodman,	Thomas Judd,
William Pantrey,	Nathaniel Richards,	Richard Lord,
William Westwood,	John Pratt,	William Kelsey,
James Olmsted,	Thomas Birchwood,	Richard Butler,
Thomas Hosmer,	George Graves,	Robert Day,
Nathaniel Ward,	William Gibbons,	Seth Grant,
William Wadsworth,	Edward Stebbing,	Thomas Spencer,
John White,	George Steele,	John Baysey,
John Steele,	George Stocking,	William Pratt,
Thomas Scott,	Joseph Mygatt,	Thomas Bull,
William Goodwin,	William Bloomfield,	William Holton,
Thomas Stanley,	William Hill,	Francis Andrews,
Samuel Stone,	William Hyde,	James Cole,
John Clark,	John Arnold,	John Skinner,
John Crow,	Arthur Smith,	Thomas Hale,
James Ensign,	John Maynard,	Samuel Hale,
Stephen Post,	William Hayden,	Thomas Olcott,
Stephen Hart,	Thomas Stanton,	Thomas Selden,
William Spencer,	John Hopkins,	William Parker,
John Moody,	Nicholas Clark,	Samuel Greenhill,
William Lewis,	John Marsh,	Ozias Goodwin,
William Rusco,	Edward Elmer,	Thomas Bunce,
Timothy Stanley,	Richard Church,	Clement Chaplin,
Richard Webb,	Zachariah Field,	Thomas Bliss,
William Andrews,	Joseph Easton,	

These names represent the fountain-head of most of the pure streams which have carried American national principles to the furthestmost regions of this country.

NAMES ON THE GRAVESTONES STANDING IN 1835.

	Died.	Age.		Died.	Age.
Aggnis, Margaret	1781	20	Boardman, Daniel, son of Oliver	1799	8
Austin, Mary, wife of John	1753	76	Boardman, Daniel E., " "	1803	1
Adams, Frederick	1798	1	Boardman, Benjamin (Rev.),		
Arnold, Jonathan	1719	39	pastor Second Church	1802	71
Arnold, Hannah, wife of Jonathan	1714	35	Boardman, Anna, wife of Rev.		
Allyn, Hon. Col. John, Secretary			Benjamin	1809	92
Colony 34 years	1696		Bow, Rosanna	1780	24
Burr, Sarah	1750	69	Benton, John, Jr.	1790	38
Burnham, Elisha	1770	53	Benton, Andrew	1683	63
Children of Elisha and Sarah Burnham,			Bliss, David	1791	33
Burnham, Sarah	1770	25	Bliss, Wealthy, daughter of Isaac	1799	5
Burnham, Abigail	1770	13	Beauchamp, John	1740	88
Burnham, Ephraim	1770	20	Beauchamp, Margaret, wife of		
Burnham, Richard	1766	18	John	1727	59
Bunce, John	1794	44	Brown, William	1803	39
Bunce, Thomas	1711	36	Brown, Phebe	1798	25
Bunce, John	1791	6	Brainard, Hezekiah	1727	46
Bunce, Elizabeth, wife of Thos.	1741	65	Benjamin, Charles	1792	7m
Bunce, Joseph	1750	72	Bolles, John	1799	11
Bunce, Susanna	1780	25	Bolles, John	1783	4m
Children of Caleb and Martha Bull.			Bolles, Harris	1782	2
Bull, Martha	1759	9	Breck, Helena, wife of Rev. Mr.		
Bull, George	1759	3	Breck, formerly of Rev. Mr.		
Bull, Susannah, wife of Capt.			Dorr	1797	78
Thomas	1680	70	Brewster, Alithea, wife of Prince	1802	58
Bull, Rebecca, wife of Caleb, Jr.	1775	27	Beckwith, Elizabeth, wife of		
Bull, Caleb, son of Caleb, Jr.	1775	6	Samuel	1793	33
Bull, Jefferson		2	Beckwith, Hart	1790	1
Bull, James, son of Frederick	1778	18m	Bradley, Aaron	1802	61
Bull, Epaphras, son of Aaron	1747	15m	Burr, Mary, wife of Timothy	1785	34
Bull, Esther, wife of Joseph	1783	42	Burr, William	1800	53
Bull, Abigail, wife of Aaron	1758	40	Burr, Mittie, wife of William	1773	
Bull, Deacon Daniel	1776	68	Burr, William	1792	20
Bull, Mary, wife of Daniel	1769	86	Burr, Thomas	1777	59
Bull, Elizabeth, wife of Daniel	1775	55	Burr, Sarah, wife of Thomas	1799	73
Bull, Catherine, wife of George	1800	32	Burr, Timothy	1799	50
Bull, Mary, wife of David	1763	42	Burr, Samuel	1792	47
Bull, Ruth, wife of Thomas	1805	40	Burr, Moses	1792	77
Bull, Thomas Parkin, son of			Burr, Elizabeth, wife of Moses	1796	71
Amos	1794	3	Burr, Mary, wife of Joseph	1796	36
Bacon, Elizabeth, wife of Andrew,			Burr, Rebecca	1778	3
formerly of Timothy Stanley	1678	76	Burr, Rebecca	1775	2
Bigelow, Jonathan	1710	62	Burr, Sidney	1795	2m
Bigelow, Timothy	1747	45	Burr, William II., son of		
Bigelow, John	1780	41	Timothy	1800	9m
Bigelow, Jonathan	1749	75	Branthwaite, Robert	1799	64
Bigelow, Rebecca	1754	41	Branthwaite, Ruth, wife of Robert	1799	61
Bigelow, Jonathan	1779	55	Babcock, John	1796	65
Bigelow, Thomas	1767	31	Babcock, Andrew	1799	17
Bigelow, Jonas	1756	4	Barlett, Isaac	1794	35
Bigelow, Levina	1756	10	Beach, Sally, daughter of Miles	1800	16
Bigelow, Abigail, wife of Daniel	1757	32	Barrett, Rebecca, wife of Capt.		
Bigelow, Timothy	1762	31	Jos.	1770	47
Bigelow, Hannah, wife of Tim-			Bradley, John, son of Aaron	1802	19
othy	1764	25	Caleb Bull's family tomb.		
Balch, Sarah, wife of Ebenezer	1756	29	Bull, Esther, wife of Joseph	1783	41
Bidwell, James	1718	26	Bull, James J.	1821	48
Bidwell, Martha, wife of Jon'an	1735	46	Bull, Joseph	1797	63
Bassett, Elsey, wife of John	1778	80	Bull, Caleb	1789	72
Bassett, Willimytje, daughter of			Bull, Martha	1786	62
Frederick	1777	12	Cadwell, Matthew	1719	51
Barnard, Thomas	1724	43	Cadwell, Deborah, wife of		
Barnard, Ebenezer	1799	73	Edward	1772	85
Barnard, Sarah, wife of Samuel	1776	30	Cadwell, Edward	1751	71
Butler, Jerusha	1777	61	Cadwell, John	1751	29
Butler, Patty, wife of Norman	1806	43	Coleman, Deborah, wife of John	1757	27
Butler, Moses	1801	86	Cooke, Aaron	1725	61
Butler, Sarah, wife of Moses	1813	84	Cooke, Martha, wife of Aaron	1732	65

	Died.	Age.		Died.	Age.
Cooke, Moses	1738	38	Ellery, Experience, wife of		
Cooke, Joseph	1747	67	William	1773	26
Cooke, Mabel, wife of James	1800	38	Ellery, Mary, daughter of		
Cooke, Jeremiah, son of James	1799	17	William	1781	19
Collier, Jennett, wife of Hezekiah	1806	75	Ellery, William	1812	72
Collier, Hepzibah, wife of Hezekiah	1770	57	Ellery, John (buried April 16, 1764).		
Collier, Grove	1768	29	Ellery, Eunice, wife of John	1800	60
Collier, Hezekiah	1763	56	Eddy, Susannah, wife of Charles	1734	27
Collier, Thomas, Capt.	1763	54	Edwards, Mary, wife of Richard	1723	62
Collyer, Ann			Edwards, Richard	1718	71
Collyer, Joseph	1738	69	Edwards, Samuel	1732	30
Collyer, John	1740	6	Eggleston, Elihu	1803	59
Collyer, Thankful, wife of Daniel	1792	85	Ensign, Lucretia, wife of Thomas	1791	21
Coomes, Miriah	1794	9m	Ensign, Thomas, Jr.	1752	59
Crocker, Lucy, wife of Freeman	1796	46	Ensign, Thomas	1759	16m
Conkling, May, wife of Benjn.	1789	36	Ensign, Moses	1751	45
Clark, Eunice	1774	10	Flagg, Samuel	1757	53
Clark, Daniel	1679	16d	Flagg, Sarah, wife of Samuel	1769	64
Currie, James	1763	36	Flagg, Mary	1750	18
Cowles, Hannah, wife of John of Hatfield	1683	70	Flagg, Ruth, wife of Jonathan	1787	42
Cole, Lidian	1683	28	Fowler, Melzar	1797	20
Cable, John	1798	58	Fish, Eliakim (Dr.)	1804	63
Colt, John, son of Peter	1785	8	Fish, Sarah, wife of Eliakim	1803	66
Church, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph	1751	26	Fish, Huldah, wife of Miller	1806	41
Caldwell, John, father of Major John	1758	29	Farnsworth, Joseph	1741	48
Caldwell, Mary, daughter of John and Hannah	1736	2	Farnsworth, Mary	1741	43
Caldwell, Margaret	1775	1	Foster, Isaac (Rev.), pastor First Church	1682	
Caldwell, John	1777	18m	Foote, John	1803	40
Caldwell, Samuel	1782	3	Gardiner, David, of Gardiner's Island	1689	54
Chapman, Robert	1711	63	Gross, Rebecca, wife of Jonah	1718	32
Cotton, Elizabeth, wife of Daniel	1791	49	Goodwin, Daniel	1772	67
Chenevard, Margaret, wife of John M.	1783	76	Goodwin, Samuel	1776	66
Chenevard, Jane, daughter of John M.	1788	63	Goodwin, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Lodema	1786	15
Chenevard, John, Capt.	1805	72	Goodwin, Sarah, wife of Nathaniel	1676	29
Chenevard, Hepzibah, wife of John	1774	33	Goodwin, Abigail, wife of Samuel	1748	32
Chenevard, Michael	1801	30	Goodwin, Abigail, widow of Captain Daniel	1776	73
Chenevard, John Michael	1735	56	Goodwin, Daniel	1790	44
Chenevard, Mary	1774	9m	Goodwin, Dorothy, wife of Lieut. Daniel	1746	79
Chenevard, William	1778	1	Goodwin, Sarah, wife of Nathaniel	1740	60
Chenevard, Henry	1781	10d	Goodwin, Nathaniel	1746	79
Caldwell, Margaret, first wife of Major John	1798	40	Goodwin, Daniel	1790	44
Caldwell, James	1801	3	Goodwin, Hannah	1805	48
Caldwell, James Church	1795	1	Goodman, Abigail	1708	29
Caldwell, Hepzibah	1795	4	Goodman, Richard	1730	76
Deming, Lemuel	1724	23	Goodman, Richard	1763	58
Dennison, George	1691	74	Goodrich, Abigail, wife of Lieut. Gov. Chauncey	1778	24
Doolittle, Enos	1806	56	Gardiner, William	1766	24
Doolittle, Asenath, wife of Enos	1804	45	Grimes, James	1791	17
Duplessy, Francis	1731	38	Gilbert, Jonathan, Jr.	1741	40
Davenport, Elizabeth, wife of William	1697	27	Gilbert, Mary, wife of Jonathan	1700	74
Dorr, Edward (Rev.), pastor of First Church	1772	50	Gilbert, Jonathan (Cornet)	1682	64
Day, Samuel C.	1804	31	Hyde, Sarah, wife of Ezra	1799	56
Day, Mary	1804	3	Holtom, Joseph	1770	77
Day, Mary	1798	1	Hamlin, Giles	1712	21
Deming, Pownal	1795	46	Hosmer, Sabra, wife of Joseph	1789	62
Deming, Elizabeth	1793	2	Hosmer, Susanna, wife of Stephen, Jr.	1738	27
Danforth, John	1805	10m	Hosmer, Joseph	1777	72
Danforth, Lucinda	1803	4	Hosmer, Thomas	1732	57
Dwight, Charles	1799	6w	Hosmer, Stephen, son of Stephen	1673	5d
Deane, Barnabas	1794	51	Hosmer, Mary, dau. of Stephen	1684	13
			Hosmer, Sarah, dau. of Stephen	1685	4

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Hosmer, Stephen (Dea.)	1693	49	Lyman, Lorinda	1794	7
Hosmer, Frances, wife of Thomas	1675	75	Ledlie, Mary, wife of Hugh	1809	79
Hosmer, Thomas	1687	83	Ledyard, Nathaniel (Dr.), blown up in schoolhouse	1766	26
Hooker, Thomas (Rev.), pastor First Church	1647	61	Ledyard, Austin	1766	25
Hooker, Thomas (Doct.)	1756	64	Ledyard, John	1771	71
Hooker, Roger	1698	30	Lawrence, John, treasurer of Connecticut	1802	84
Hooker, Nathaniel	1711	40	Lawrence, Margaret, wife of John	1775	49
Hooker, Nathaniel	1763	53	Lawrence, Roderick	1783	27
Hooker, Mary	1765	65	Lawrence, John, Jr.	1774	26
Hooker, Mary	1763	20	Lawrence, Mary Ann	1790	25
Hopkins, Betsy, wife of Jesse	1799	26	Lawrence, William Henry	1792	3
Hopkins, Daniel, three infant children of			Lord, Abigail, ch. of Richard	1698	3m
Hopkins, Sally, wife of Daniel	1796	29	Lord, Richard, ch. of Richard	1699	4
Hopkins, Rebecca, wife of Asa	1791	29	Lord, Abigail, ch. of Richard	1694	2m
Hopkins, Asa	1805	48	Lord, Richard	1712	42
Hopkins, Lemuel (Doct.)	1801	50	Lord, Mary (alias Hooker)	1702	58
Hart, Aleis Evelyn	1805	22	Lord, Elisha	1725	24
Hanson, Joseph	1804	33	Lord, Mary, dau. of John H.	1748	15m
Hinsdale, Magdalen, wife of Barnabas	1782	42	Lord, Epaphras	1738	7
Hinsdale, Barnabas	1725	58	Lord, Daniel	1762	1
Hinsdale, Experience, wife of Amos	1781	61	Lord, Daniel Edwards	1763	
Hudson, Maria, wife of Henry	1805	21	Lord, John Haynes	1796	72
Haynes, John (Hon.), first Gov- ernor of Connecticut	1654		Lord, Rachel, wife of John H.	1803	77
Haynes, Joseph (Rev.), pastor of First Church	1679	38	Lord, Elizabeth, wife of Elisha	1786	32
Haynes, Sarah, wife of Rev. Joseph	1705	67	Langrell, Thomas (Doct.)	1757	29
Haynes, John	1713	44	Law, Lydia	1799	42
Haynes, Mary, wife of John	1726	54	Leete, William, Gov. of Conn.	1683	
Haynes, Sarah, daughter of John	1724	27	Marsh, Katy, dau. of Capt. Samuel	1768	4
Hubbard, Cornelia, wife of Ne- hemiah	1781	28	Merrills, Hannah	1730	49
Hall, Alley, daughter of William	1772	2	Merrills, Mary, wife of Gideon	1750	29
Hall, Jerusha, wife of Henry	1804	24	Merrills, Christian, wife of Chas.	1778	23
Hastings, Jonathan, son of Lieut. Josiah, of Chesterfield, N. H.	1798	30	Merrills, Martha Smith, wife of George	1793	37
Howard, John	1804	35	Morrison, Ann, wife of Normand and formerly of John Smith	1766	64
Hancock, Patty, wife of Jonathan	1803	20	Morrison, Roderick	1755	30
Hempsted, Anna, daughter of Doctor Hempsted	1799	32	Marshall, Josiah	1712	47
Hempsted, Anna, wife of Doctor Hempsted	1797	66	Marsh, John	1744	76
Hempsted, Benjamin	1793	1	Marsh, Elizabeth, wife of John	1742	72
Jepson, Mrs. Susanna	1772	32	Marsh, Samuel	1802	72
Jones, Pantry	1796	81	Marsh, Catherine, wife of Capt. Samuel	1797	67
Jones, Amasa	1785	57	Morgan, Elizabeth, wife of Dwell	1793	23
Jones, Hope, wife of Amasa	1798	63	Morgan, Lavinia) wives of Elias	1792	18
Jones, Nathaniel	1773	92	Morgan, Sally)	1795	29
Jones, Rebecca, wife of Nathaniel	1776	84	McCracken, Rebecca, wife of John	1803	21
Jones, Levi, blown up in school- house	1766	50	Mather, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Allyn	1785	7
Jones, Daniel	1802	46	McLean, Susan, wife of Allen	1741	30
Jones, Olive, wife of Daniel	1788	27	Mills, Caroline	1802	2
Joy, Sarah, wife of John	1764	34	Messenger, Rachel, daughter of Daniel	1737	17
Keith, William	1745	31	Messenger, Lydia, daughter of Daniel	1725	18
Keith, Marianne, wife of William	1784	88	Muir, William	1806	52
Knox, William	1787	55	McLean, Allen, son of Neil	1741	3
Knowles, John	1754	64	Moore, George Smith	1788	2
Knowles, Rachel, wife of John	1739	38	Moore, Ebenezer, Jr.	1793	17m
Kilbourn, Abigail, wife of Na- thaniel	1798	71	Moore, Anna	1802	3
Kilbourn, Samuel	1789	17	Moore, David	1807	4
Kennedy, Leonard, Jr.	1796	17m	Moore, James Grant	1807	6
Lyman, Thomas	1727	49	Moore, Mary Smith	1808	18
Lyman, Martha, wife of Justin	1798	35	Moore, Mary Smith		26
			Moore, Robert	1814	30
			Nevins, Robert	1764	50
			Nevins, Samuel	1765	2

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Nevins, Marion	1770	17	Steel, Elizabeth, wife of George	1800	29
Nevins, Robert	1780	21	Steel, Ashbel	1790	59
Nichols, Cyprian	1756	84	Steel, Nabby, dau. of Ashbel	1772	14
Nichols, Cyprian, son of William	1749	6m	Steel, Jonathan	1753	60
Nichols, Abigail, dau. of William	1750	5	Steel, Dorothy, wife of Jonathan	1775	82
Nichols, Rachel, wife of James	1789	26	Sloan, Samuel	1775	4
Nichols, Catherine, daughter of Cyprian			Starr, Harriet	1801	11m
Ogden, Clarissa, dau. of Jacob	1794	15	Stone, Samuel (Rev.), pastor of First Church	1663	61
Olcott, John	1791	59	Sheldon, Joseph	1791	65
Olcott, Sally	1794	15	Sheldon, George, son of Joseph	1761	2
Olcott, Roderick	1801	36	Sheldon, Deacon Isaac	1749	63
Olcott, Jonathan	1753	57	Sheldon, Elizabeth, wife of Isaac	1745	53
Olcott, Sarah, wife of Jonathan	1776	74	Sheldon, Anna, wife of Isaac	1802	73
Olcott, Samuel	1781	53	Sheldon, Daniel	1772	46
Olcott, Mary	1766	35	Sheldon, Lucretia, wife of Daniel	1772	47
Olcott, Mary, wife of Capt.	1792	61	Sheldon, William, son of Daniel	1758	5
Olcott, Sally	1779	16	Sheldon, Isaac, son of Isaac	1754	2
Olcott, Clarissa	1791	15	Sheldon, Sarah, wife of Joseph	1785	50
Pitkin, William	1691	58	Sheldon, Isaac	1786	63
Phippen, Rachael	1721	2	Seymour, Israel	1784	49
Pierce, Anna and Samuel, ch. of Pelatiah			Seymour, Jonathan	1776	73
Pratt, Hannah, wife of Daniel	1682	50	Seymour, Thomas	1740	71
Pratt, Zachariah	1805	79	Seymour, Thomas	1767	62
Pratt, Timothy	1783	33	Seymour, John	1748	84
Pratt, George	1805	50	Seymour, Mary Ann, wife of Thomas V.	1782	19
Payson, Nathan (Col.)	1761	41	Seymour, Mary, wife of Nathaniel	1758	54
Porter, John, comptroller of public accounts	1806	48	Seymour, Zebulon	1765	65
Perkins, Mary, dau. of James	1806	5	Seymour, Mary, wife of Thomas	1746	69
Perkins, Lucinda	1805	3m	Seymour, Jerusha	1753	29
Payne, Benjamin	1782	54	Seymour, Mary Ann	1766	6
Payne, Rebecca, wife of Benj'n	1786	51	Seymour, Elizabeth, wife of Richard	1759	44
Payne, Mary Ann	1797	36	Seymour, Prudence, wife of Frederick	1799	30
Phelps, Sarah	1758	96	Seymour, Deliverance, wife of Jared	1799	66
Patten, Lucinda, wife of Nathaniel	1789	35	Seymour, Lovisa, wife of Joseph W.	1798	39
Patten, Lucinda	1807	22	Spencer, Obadiah	1741	75
Patten, Fanny	1809	15	Spencer, Abigail, wife of Dishbrow	1725	46
Patten, Sally	1810	17	Sanford, Huldah, wife of Robert	1759	28
Pantry, John	1736	90	Sanford, Robert	1728	72
Powell, Elizabeth, wife of William	1725	27	Sanford, Zachariah, son of Zachariah	1683	
Proctor, William	1788	23	Skinner, Stephen	1758	43
Richards, James	1680	47	Skinner, Joseph	1748	79
Richards, Thomas (Dea.)	1749	83	Skinner, John	1773	76
Ridgaway, Naomi, wife of Samuel	1773	68	Skinner, Mary, wife of John	1771	67
Robbins, Clarissa	1801	22	Skinner, Mary, wife of John, Jr.	1772	42
Stroug, Anna Smith	1784	25	Skinner, Rebecca, wife of Nathaniel	1780	31
Strong, Anna McCurdy, wife of Rev. Nathan	1789	29	Skinner, Leonard	1746	4
Strong, John McCurdy, son of Rev. Nathan	1806	29	Skinner, Rachael, wife of John	1748	77
Smith, Daniel	1800	29	Skinner, John	1743	77
Smith, Solomon, Jr.	1787	25	Skinner, Sarah	1750	1
Smith, Solomon (Dea.)	1786	51	Skinner, Abigail	1750	3
Smith, Anna, wife of Dea. Solomon	1784	49	Skinner, Abigail, wife of Elisha	1777	19
Smith, George	1808	82	Skinner, Hepzebah, wife of John	1791	54
Smith, Ann, wife of George	1796	70	Stanley, Bennet, alias Wolterton	1664	
Smith, Martha	1756	5	Stanley, Hannah	1681	7
Smith, James	1798	1	Stanley, Susannah	1683	2
Smith, John	1801	9m	Stanley, Sarah	1680	20
Sweetland, Sarah, wife of Benjamin	1805	33	Stanley, Sarah, wife of Nathaniel	1716	76
Sweetland, Eleazur	1798	32	Stanley, Nathaniel (one of his Majesty's Assistants)	1712	74
Sweetland, Polly, wife of Eleazur	1792	22	Stanley, Joseph	1675	4
Sweetland, Effingham		1			
Sargeant, John, son of Jacob	1802	11			

	Died.	Age.		Died.	Age.
Stanley, Anna, wife of Hon. Nathaniel	1752	66	Watson, Sally, wife of John	1796	38
Stanley, Nathaniel (Hon.), treasurer of Connecticut	1755	73	Watson, John	1795	66
Stanley, Sarah	1698	44	Watson, Hannah, wife of John	1799	72
Stanley, Hannah	1689	45	Woodward, John	1793	4
Stanley, Caleb	1718	75	Walker, Marian, wife of John	1795	42
Stanley, Caleb, son of Caleb	1712	37	White, Elizabeth, wife of John J.	1804	29
Stanley, Mary	1698	6	White, Susan S.	1804	7
Stanley, William, gave his property to Second Church	1786	63	Williamson, Caleb	1738	87
Thomas, Rachel	1760	2	Williamson, Mary, wife of Caleb	1737	77
Thomas, Lydia, of Mailborough	1758	30	Williamson, Anna, wife of Ebenezer	1750	49
Thomas, Mary	1764	34	Wadsworth, Joanna, wife of Joseph	1762	78
Tiley, Walter	1791	9m	Wadsworth, Daniel	1762	42
Tiley, Susanna, wife of John	1724	43	Wadsworth, William	1771	49
Thompson, Gideon	1759	56	Wadsworth, Thomas	1716	26
Tisdale, Emily	1802	7	Wadsworth, Daniel (Rev.), pastor First Church	1747	43
Talcott, Joseph (Hon.), Governor of Connecticut, 1725-1741	1741		Wadsworth, Abigail, wife of Rev. Daniel	1773	67
Talcott, John, son of the Governor	1771	73	Wadsworth, Daniel	1750	10
Talcott, Abigail, wife of John	1784	80	Wadsworth, Ruth	1750	5
Talcott, Mabel, wife of Samuel	1775	62	Wadsworth, Jeremiah (Col.)	1804	61
Talcott, Joseph, grandson of the Governor	1799	62	Wadsworth, Mehitable, wife of Col. Jeremiah	1817	82
Toocker, Michael	1801	18	Wadsworth, Elizabeth, daughters of Rev. Daniel	1810	72
Taylor, James	1772		Wadsworth, Eunice, wife of Daniel	1825	89
Van Norden, Anna, wife of John	1799	40	Wadsworth, Millicent, wife of Capt. Samuel	1790	67
Wolterton, Gregory	1674	81	Willet, Nathaniel	1698	80
Wolterton, Susanna, wife of Gregory	1662	75	Winchester, Elhanan (Rev.)	1797	46
Wolterton, Samuel	1668	7m	Whiting, Joseph	1715	
Wilson, Phineas	1692	64	Whiting, Anna, wife of Joseph	1735	82
Wilson, Mary, wife of Phineas	1688	29	Whiting, Mary	1714	26
Waters, Bevil	1729	97	Whiting, Abigail	1722	4
Wattles, Jonathan S.	1779	1	Whiting, Calvin (Rev.)	1795	24
Wattles, Delight S.	1780	9	Weare, Caty	1791	1
Webster, Sarah, wife of Robert	1725	53	Weare, William T.	1807	10m
Walker, Marion, wife of John	1762	25	Weare, Martha, wife of William	1795	38
Watson, Ebenezer	1777	33	Watson, Joseph	1803	29
Watson, Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer	1770	28	Watson, Joseph	1806	3
Whitman, Elnathan (Rev.), pastor of Second Church	1777	69	Weeden, Mary, wife of Henry	1803	19
Wilson, Elizabeth, wife of Phineas	1727	87	Wood, Lucy	1802	37
Welles, Hannah	1683	50	Wood, William	1795	4
Welles, Blackleach	1788	64	Wood, Benjamin S.	1793	1
Welles, Mary	1795	6	Warner, Azubah, wife of Eli	1774	43
Welles, Julia	1799	15	Way, Mary	1701	70
Welles, Britty, wife of Ashbel	1793	31	Woodbridge, Timothy (Rev.), pastor First Church	1732	
Wentworth, Samuel	1711	20	Woodbridge, Abigail, wife of Rev. Timothy and formerly of Richard Lord	1754	77
			Westcoate, Samuel	1775	26

STONES ANTE-DATING 1700.

	Died.	Age.		Died.	Age.
Allyn, Hon. Col. John, Secretary of Colony 34 years	1696		Hosmer, Stephen, son of Stephen	1673	51
Bacon, Elizabeth, wife of Andrew, formerly of Timothy Stanley	1678	76	Hosmer, Thomas	1687	83
Benton, Andrew	1683	63	Leete, William, Governor of Connecticut	1683	
Bull, Susanna, wife of Capt. Thomas	1680	70	Lord, Abigail, dau. of Richard	1698	311
Clark, Daniel	1679	16d	Lord, Abigail, dau. of Richard	1694	211
Cole, Lidian	1683	28	Lord, Richard, son of Richard	1699	4
Cowles, Hannah, wife of John of Hatfield	1683	70	Pitkin, William	1694	58
Davenport, Elizabeth, wife of William	1697	27	Pratt, Hannah, wife of Daniel	1682	50
Dennison, George	1694	74	Richards, James	1680	47
Foster, Isaac (Rev.), pastor of First Church	1682		Sanford, Zachariah, son of Zachariah	1683	
Gardiner, David, of Gardiner's Island	1689	54	Stanley, Benedicta, alias Wolterton	1664	
Gilbert, Jonathan (Cornet)	1682	64	Stanley, Hannah, daughter of Nathaniel	1681	7
Goodwin, Sarah, wife of Nathaniel	1676	29	Stanley, Hannah, wife of Caleb	1689	45
Haynes, John (Hon.), first Governor of Connecticut	1654		Stanley, Joseph	1675	4
Haynes, Joseph (Rev.), pastor of First Church	1679	38	Stanley, Mary	1698	6
Hooker, Roger	1698	30	Stanley, Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel	1680	20
Hooker, Thomas (Rev.), pastor of First Church	1647	61	Stanley, Sarah, wife of Caleb	1698	44
Hosmer, Frances, wife of Thomas	1675	75	Stanley, Susannah, daughter of Nathaniel	1683	2
Hosmer, Mary, dau. of Stephen	1684	13	Stone, Samuel (Rev.), pastor of First Church	1663	61
Hosmer, Sarah, dau. of Stephen	1685	4	Welles, Hannah	1683	50
Hosmer, Stephen (Dea.)	1693	49	Willet, Nathaniel	1698	80
			Wilson, Mary, wife of Phineas	1688	29
			Wilson, Phineas	1692	64
			Wolterton, Gregory	1674	81
			Wolterton, Samuel	1668	711
			Wolterton, Susanna, wife of Gregory	1662	75

APPEAL

OF THE RUTH WYLLYS CHAPTER TO THE PUBLIC, APRIL 17, 1897.

On January 25, 1897, the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in pursuance of a plan to restore and improve the Ancient Cemetery, sent an appeal to the Common Council asking that Gold Street be widened. The Council referred the petition to the Street Board, who gave the matter their immediate attention. The members of the honorable Board now await further action on the part of the women who sent the appeal to the Council. Our proposition is a very simple one and will, we trust, commend itself to the citizens of Hartford.

It is this: That the property on the north side of Gold Street be purchased and all the buildings cleared away, making a spacious, beautiful street from Main Street to the Park, and, with the widening of Jewell and Ford Streets, a fine avenue on to the station from the center of the city. This will result in an open space of about 75 feet between the Center Church and the City Hotel, though the street line will be laid out at 50 feet to avoid encroachment on the southeastern corner of the cemetery. This will bring that historic burying-ground, with its wealth of sacred and inspiring associations, into the position of honor and prominence we so much desire for it. All the property on the north side of Gold Street has been offered for sale to the Committee of the Street Board, which brings us to the vital question of raising the necessary money. The owners of the property directly benefited will, of course, be assessed their fair portion of the cost. Such assessments will not produce the sum necessary to purchase the buildings and land in question, and to meet this emergency when the city we love needs something it cannot well afford to buy, and is offered an opportunity it cannot afford to lose, we women of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, daughters of men who so loved their country that they offered their lives for her redemption, propose to raise a sum of money with which we may share the city's assessment, by an appeal to the citizens of Hartford for public contributions to a fund called the "Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Fund for the Improvement of the Old Burying Ground and the Widening of Gold Street." The city of Hartford owns this cemetery, and as such owner would naturally be allotted a large assessment as its proportionate share of the cost. We wish to relieve the city of its heavy assessment

by paying from this fund any amount beyond that which the Common Council can apportion out of its appropriations.

This city was founded by a company of men whose far-sighted wisdom helped to establish the foundations of our present national life and government and whose names and achievements command more and more the attention, respect, and admiration of the country. Every year increasing numbers of men and women, who glory to trace their lineage to Hartford's founders, come here from all parts of this broad land to study the records and learn the events of Hartford's history. Among our citizens are thousands of the descendants of that dauntless band; will they not deem it a privilege to join in an effort to redeem the earthly resting-place of their ancestors from its present ignominy?

To the citizens without alliance to that sacred and ancestral dust, what does this improvement mean? The spacious avenue leading from Main Street to the station, fine buildings erected on land converted into choice sites, and a greatly increased tax list. The Heubleins authorize us to state that they are ready to build an addition to their hotel extending to Mulberry Street, making one of the finest hotels in New England and costing at least \$250,000, if Gold Street is widened, but not otherwise. Hartford cannot afford to let such an opportunity pass for added beauty, wealth, and convenience, and the release from a long reproach of shameful neglect of her illustrious dead. What would the European cities take for the treasures that attract the traveling public? Can we imagine Dresden without its incomparable Madonna, or England without its cathedrals and its holy churchyards? Could Rome, Florence, Venice, and other cities afford to have their treasures of art and antiquities hidden in obscurity? Hartford has a priceless gem; will she not reclaim it from its present ignominious hiding-place, polish it, and give it at last, after years of insult and neglect, a beautiful and appropriate setting? Small sums as well as great will be most acceptable, as we hope that the fund may represent a general response of Hartford to a duty long delayed. Only pledges are desired, as for the present all contributions will be conditional, and, if the methods for raising money by assessments upon the adjacent property fail of satisfactory adjustment, the public contributions will never be called for. Center Church people will not be expected to give to the general fund, as they are interested in a subscription of their own which is under the management of Mr. John C. Parsons.

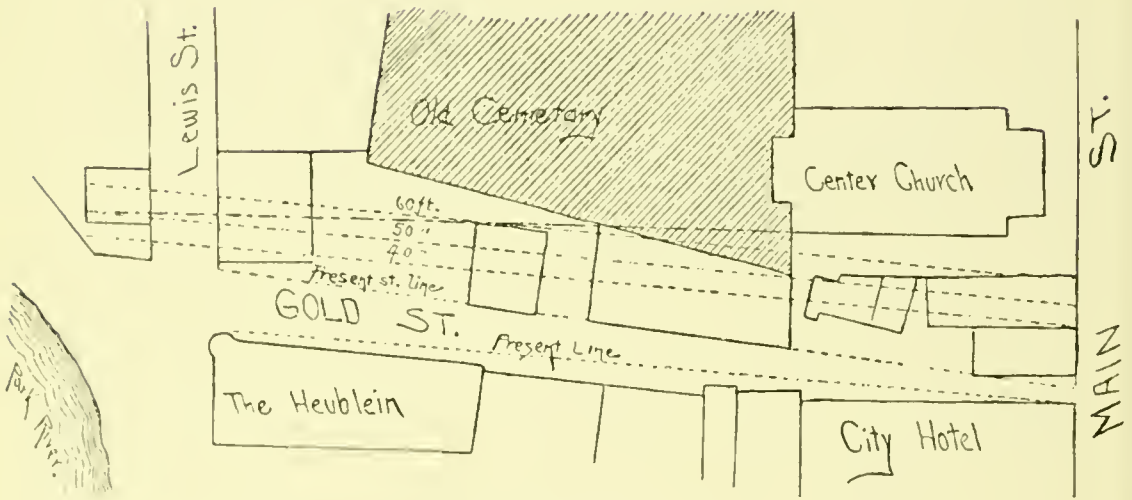


DIAGRAM CUT OF GOLD STREET

As it existed before the redemption of the Ancient Cemetery, with lines showing proposed improvements.

EXTRACTS

FROM SPEECHES, LETTERS, AND PRESS NOTICES.

It seems fitting, in presenting to the public the report of the work of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter in the restoration of the old burying-ground and the widening of Gold Street, to add some of the expressions of commendation which have been widely bestowed. The few following extracts from the press of Hartford and elsewhere will serve to show how broad has been the sympathy in the work, and how generous the praise.

MARY FRANCIS,

*Chairman Printing Committee.**Hartford Times, January 30, 1897.*

When the women take hold, the work moves. They have at last, impelled by the chronic do-nothing course of the city government in regard to a really great and long needed reform of an eyesore in the center of the city, taken hold of the important matter of the long-discussed but never-acted-upon plan for the widening of Gold Street, and transforming that narrow, irregular, dirty, and uncanny lane into a wide and attractive street, looking out from Main Street upon Bushnell Park. The plan, if favored by the city and duly carried out, will make of what is now a disgrace to Hartford one of the things for the city to be proud of.

The proposed change, by opening Gold Street, would make one of those transformations in a central part of the city which would elicit the universal exclamation, after it was effected, "What a tremendous change! How beautiful! Why was it not done long before?"

The "old Center burying-ground" still contains the graves of some of Connecticut's historic persons. The work of restoring its monuments is a noble one—and so is the necessarily involved plan of widening Gold Street, and making of that unsightly lane a wide, open, spacious street, with an outlook upon beautiful Bushnell Park.

Hartford Post, January 30, 1897.

Gold Street, so-called, as everybody knows, is at present, notwithstanding its location between two of the city's main arteries, nothing more or less in reality than a miserably squalid and narrow lane—too tortuous for use, and hopeless of improvement with its existing surroundings. The old cemetery—that should be the most historic, inspiring, and sweetest spot in Hartford—is just now, by reason of years of neglect and isolation, almost a scandal—an unseen, unused backyard, flanked by a filthy side alley. And yet this

precious acre yields to none in New England or the United States, as the last resting-place of founders of the colony which gave to Connecticut its capital, and to the world its first written constitution.

Is not this movement, indeed, a rare, a splendid chance of combining the useful with the sentimental? The money will surely come—we believe much of it has already been pledged—now that the plan is beginning to be generally understood and its perfect features appreciated.

Few cities ever had such a chance. Think what a sum the western capitals would joyfully give to be able to commemorate such facts as are here the heritage of Hartford alone! Consider, also, the material improvements and their comparatively small cost and large return. And the co-operative and patriotic spirit would here be seen at their best. Hartford cannot afford to ignore such a call, even if times are hard.

Hartford Courant, April 17, 1897.

The way to get a thing done is to do it yourself. So think the public-spirited women of Hartford, and, because they think so, we are about to be freed from the disgrace that Gold Street and its neglected purliens have for so many years brought upon this otherwise beautiful and self-respecting city.

The appeal that is printed elsewhere gives the facts in the case very fully. Gold Street itself has for years been one of the black spots in the city, dark, dirty, disreputable. Back of Gold Street's dirt and squalor, sprinkled, indeed, with it, holding its garbage, airing its soiled clothes, the home of its cats and dogs, has been lying in all conceivable neglect the oldest burying-ground in the city, the resting-place (if they could rest there) of the remains of the men and women who made Hartford and Connecticut, and whose far-sighted statesmanship and high Christian character have stamped their impress on our national govern-

ment and life. No honor was too great to pay to the memory of those people who have instead been actually forgotten by the crowds that surge by daily within a rod or two of the sacred ground.

The plan now is to open up Gold Street, clean it, tear down the rookeries, bring the cemetery into conspicuous view, and redeem alike the appearance and the reputation of the city. Most of the cost will be met otherwise, but a public subscription must defray a part of it. Mrs. Holcombe's appeal asks for money for this purpose, and with the request comes the pledge of more than \$5,000 already contributed by the daughters of Ruth Wyllys Chapter and those whom they have consulted with. Not more than \$15,000 is needed in all, and here is more than a third of that already.

Now for the rest. Let all Hartford take hold of this and complete the work that the women have so effectively undertaken and have carried so far along. "The Courant" will be very glad to acknowledge subscriptions for this purpose, and everybody ought to give something. It is for all Hartford. No other single cause has in it so much of benefit for the city, or is so sure in its results to bring satisfaction to all concerned. Let the money come in freely and quickly.

Hartford Telegram, April 19, 1897.

The necessity for widening Gold Street and the removal of the unsightly rookeries that deface it to the north, has existed for the past twenty-five years. The project has been discussed on several previous occasions, but has hitherto been side-tracked by the efforts of those abutting property-owners whose assessments for betterments would be comparatively heavy had the plan ever been pushed to the practical stage.

It has remained for the women of Hartford—at least that influential and patriotic section of them embraced by the membership of Ruth Wyllys Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution—to evolve a feasible plan for the immediate accomplishment of this very desirable improvement, and to give the scheme a practical and tangible reality, by suggesting the *modus operandi*.

The proposition is, as the energetic Regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Mrs. John M. Holcombe, very pertinently points out, a most simple and business-like undertaking. It is to buy up the entire north front property and to establish in the place of a nasty, ill-smelling slum, pestilential and disease-breeding by reason of its present uses and conditions, a handsome and wholesome thoroughfare, which in connection with Jewell Street, the widening of which is also contemplated, will form a pleasant and desirable route to the railway station and that portion of the city lying west of the bridge.

The real incentive that lies back of this agitation, and one which, had it not been involved, would, perhaps, have failed to enlist the sympathies and active co-operation of

Mrs. John M. Holcombe and the ladies of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, is the redemption and preservation of the famous and historic "God's Acre" lying at the back of the Center Church. At present this peaceful and secluded resting-place of Hartford's earliest settlers is comparatively neglected and forgotten, buried as it is between the shanties of Gold Street and the buildings that shut it from view on its north and east. Part of it, despite every care and precaution, is made the dumping-ground of the denizens of Gold Street. The removal of the rookeries and the widening of the street will enable the congregation of Center Church and the city authorities to take such steps towards cleaning up and beautifying the churchyard that it will, in a very short time, become one of the most interesting and beautiful spots in modern Hartford.

The place is in fact the open-air Westminster Abbey of Hartford. Beneath its crumbling tombs and consecrated soil rests the dust of Hartford's greatest dead—men that have been identified with the city's early struggles, whose efforts laid the foundations of that opulence and commercial prosperity whence we derive our present prestige and reputation.

Viewed in this light, the noble work of Mrs. Holcombe and those ladies associated with her is really a sacred trust, a public and patriotic obligation, which the citizens of to-day and those that are to come after them ought cheerfully to assume. That our leading people take a warm and affectionate interest in the burying-ground, and in the project that is to serve as an assistance to its preservation, is amply proved by the spontaneous response that has been made for pecuniary aid. Others not so directly affected are called upon to exercise the pleasure and the privilege of contributing to this most worthy object. Subscriptions are asked, and the "Hartford Telegram," in conjunction with every Hartford paper, will gladly acknowledge such subscriptions as are sent to us, and will forward all moneys received to those having the funds in charge.

Hartford Times, April 20, 1897.

The women of Ruth Wyllys Chapter are engaged in a work that is deserving the sympathy and aid of every good citizen of Hartford. It is to rescue from disgraceful surroundings the graves of the first settlers of this town—the honored men who endured untold sufferings, over two hundred and sixty years ago, to form a settlement and township on the Connecticut River. Of the deprivations and sufferings of those people during the winter that confronted them, we who are now enjoying peace, security, and luxury on the site selected by Hooker and his faithful companions, know little. But we can reasonably imagine that their hardships were all that human beings could possibly endure. How have the generations, living here in comfort, for whose welfare the faithful early settlers contended and endured, treated the memory and the respect due to them?

Letter from H. C. Robinson, April 20, 1897.

DEAR MRS. HOLCOMBE:

Enclosed please find promise for contribution to your good work of love and patriotism in rescuing to decency and beauty the graves of the founders and earliest settlers, not only of Hartford but of Connecticut. The warm zeal of your Chapter and your personal enthusiasm in the matter put us all under great obligations to you.

I trust that our city, and the old First Church with its noble history, and the neighboring property-owners will make the success of your efforts doubly sure.

When the sacred acres are properly restored and no charge of shirking expense can be laid to us, it seems to me that a tender of the guardianship to the State would be a fitting thing.

They belong in a large sense to Connecticut as well as to Hartford, and the object lesson of their tender care should be impressed upon the mind and heart of the commonwealth. But if this is not thought to be wise, the property should be delivered to the Park Commissioners of this city.

I am truly yours,

HENRY C. ROBINSON.

Hartford Telegram, November 2, 1897.

Every citizen of Hartford, from the oldest resident to the very last comer intending to make this beautiful city his home, ought to read the detailed statement regarding the work done by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in the historic old churchyard at the rear of the Center Church. The report, which has been so carefully collated by a committee of which Mrs. Julia G. Pelton is chairman, is a model of its kind, and speaks volumes for the intelligent research and investigation that these ladies have so lavishly and ungrudgingly bestowed upon its preparation.

It is a truly noble and patriotic service that Ruth Wyllys Chapter is rendering to the city. Not only are they preserving to future generations the names and the fame of those men whose lives and acts laid the foundation of Hartford's present prosperity and importance, but they are rescuing from the ruthless hand of iconoclastic vandals a spot which never ought to have been allowed to become so disfigured and forgotten.

In connection with this labor of love and reverence, which, though a work of public benefaction to the city, has, from its very nature, been carried on by the private generosity of interested descendants, is inseparably involved the widening and remodeling of Gold Street. The example set by the energetic daughters of Ruth Wyllys Chapter ought to be an inspiration and a lesson to the municipal authorities in whose hands, for the time being, lies the prosecution of this public improvement. In the expressive language of the report, Gold Street ought to be "purified."

The work should take precedence of much that is being pushed forward with such exemplary zeal by the Street Board.

The Hartford Courant, April 15, 1898.

The simple statement of Mrs. Holcombe which we print this morning answers a good many inquiries as to the state of the Gold Street improvements. The movement has not been dropped. It is bound to go through now, some day. The work has been ordered, and the only hitch is as to the adjustment of the cost. The affair is in court, and the court methods contrast interestingly with the energy and "go" that Mrs. Holcombe put into the cause when it was in her hands.

Hartford Telegram, April 15, 1898.

There is little doubt that this matter will in due course reach an amicable settlement, and immediately this is agreed upon the work of removing the old rookeries now standing on Gold Street will be commenced. The present condition of the unsavory alley is a perpetual eyesore to all who are brought to that locality either by business or pleasure. The same energy that has prompted the ladies of Ruth Wyllys Chapter to take the initiative in this good work of improvement and purification may be counted on to push the Street Board to activity as soon as the obstacles that now stand in the way are removed. When Gold Street is once opened and made what it ought to be — one of the finest thoroughfares in the city — it will stand for all time a noble monument to the pluck and perseverance of Mrs. John M. Holcombe and her sisters in the patriotic Ruth Wyllys Chapter.

The Hartford Post, June 29, 1898.

If it so happens that the present report ends the whole matter, the present occasion would be a good one for praising the work of the public-spirited persons, bound by ancestral ties to the glorious past, in making possible this improvement in the heart of the city. The labor is surely that of statesmanship. Constructive it is, if in part destructive of old landmarks that have grown, like lichens, on older landmarks still. The beautification of Hartford in this particular will, if accomplished, be spoken of as far as the name of our beloved city is known or wherever the fame of Hooker and Stone is preserved, whether in this country or in the fatherland of England. All honor to the Daughters of the American Revolution and their kind friends!

From The Hartford Telegram, June 14, 1899.

THE WORK OF WOMEN.

The women who compose the membership of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R., whose Regent is that most accomplished and indefatigable

gable worker and public-spirited citizen, Mrs. John M. Holcombe, have brought to completion a very difficult and delicate task, and on Saturday next will, with fitting ceremonies, deliver to the Mayor of the city the deeds of the Gold Street property.

The work which, after two or three years of persistent and unremitting labor, has been so successfully finished, has been a veritable labor of Hercules in that it has been the cleansing of Hartford's Augean stable. It has not been all plain sailing in getting possession of the old rookeries that so long have disgraced the center of our beautiful city, and were a blot and eyesore surrounding the Old Center Church and the historic "God's Acre" that has nestled forgotten and neglected in our midst.

It is true, men helped, but it was woman's tact and woman's splendid executive ability that bore the brunt of the battle, and as of Dido let it be said also in this instance: *dux femina facti*.

To Mrs. Holcombe and her patriotic sisters Hartford owes a deep debt of gratitude, and it can take no fitter form of acknowledging its sincere appreciation of the service rendered than by perpetuating the memory of those who have done this good deed by re-christening the street that has been reclaimed with a name that will identify the workers with the work. Let the dead past be sufficient to take care of the honored dead; to the living belongs the glory of the achievement—let them reap the rewards they so richly merit. With such women to guard and befriend our institutions and our city's interests, how can the fame of Hartford and its proud eminence in State and country fail or diminish?

The Hartford Courant, June 19, 1899.

The exercises Saturday in the old cemetery were worthy of the memorable occasion which they marked and helped to make. To the eye and the ear, every impression was agreeable and gratifying. The gathering made a beautiful spectacle, and its setting in the midst of the rehabilitated and venerable graveyard was picturesque and suggestive, while the contributions by the speakers were of such sustained and varied interest that everybody staid to the end.

The Regent of the D. A. R. has now formally made over to Hartford the land on Gold Street purchased by subscription; and the improvement so long wished for (and so much longer waited for) is now one of the things that have been accomplished. It was a great work, and, but for the persistent enthusiasm of those who took it up, and kept it up, it would never have been carried through.

Earlier plans for the same object had failed, but that of Mrs. Holcombe commended itself at once, and within two weeks of the publication of her appeal in "The Courant" \$10,000 had been subscribed. From a generous public, the city treasury, and by assessment upon the property about \$80,000 has been raised. Three

times the city government has given the project its unanimous indorsement, and even the appeals from the assessments did not prove serious obstacles.

Hartford has done its duty. What remains is only to put the rescued grounds in order. A suitable iron fence ought to be put around it, a row of trees should be planted, and the restoration of the crumbling stones should be completed. Already 150 of them have been reconstructed, and the way this is done receives universal commendation. But there are 350 more. The names upon them are of old Connecticut families, prominent all over the country; for no other State has been such a colonizer as ours. About \$4,000 remains on hand, and the entire work will call for perhaps \$6,000. There can be little doubt that this will readily come from those who trace their ancestry back to this city, and to the ancient cemetery that now is restored to a condition worthy to be the last resting-place of those who were buried there.

Vote of Thanks of Common Council, June 27, 1899.

Alderman Keep offered a resolution extending the thanks of the Court of Common Council to Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for their efforts in improving Gold Street and renovating the ancient cemetery. The resolution was passed by a rising vote.

Resolutions about Name by Common Council.

"Whereas: The following resolutions were on July 10, 1899, adopted by the Court of Common Council of the city of Hartford:

"Resolved, That, whereas it has been suggested by many citizens that the name of Gold Street be changed to Holcombe Place in honor of the Regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and whereas Mrs. Emily S. G. Holcombe, Regent of said Chapter, has expressed a wish that this should not be done,

"Resolved, That the naming of Gold Street be referred to said Ruth Wyllys Chapter with a request that they report to the Common Council their recommendation of a name for said street."

"Resolved, That the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R., believe that the public improvement in which they have been so deeply interested will best be emphasized by retaining the name by which the passageway has so long been known, and they therefore recommend that no change be made in the name.

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Court of Common Council for their courtesy in asking our wishes in this matter, and for their prompt and unvarying support, without which this work now so universally approved could never have been accomplished."

The Spirit of '76, August, 1899.

The work of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R., of Hartford, Conn., in beautifying their city and preserving the cemetery from demolition, was of grand conception and most successful result. Let the carping critic drone his abuse of patriotic societies in the ear of a citizen of Hartford, or let him compare the present condition of the widened street and well-kept park, with the squalor and neglect of two years ago, and, if he be a sensible man, his abuse will turn to praise.

An example worthy of imitation has been furnished by this Chapter in the quietness with which this work was done. No heralding by trumpets or newspapers, the Chapter went to work in an unassuming manner and accomplished their work. Banquets and afternoon teas were not needed to stimulate their zeal, nor did an orator with well-polished periods praise them. Their finished work is their reward and will be their perpetual memorial.

The Hartford Courant, November 1, 1899.

The women of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R., have shown good sense in voting in favor of retaining the name of Gold Street for Gold Street. The name is there and it will do. It is said that there are gold streets in even a better place than Hartford. It is well to aim high.

From Thomas S. Weaver, Supt. of Public Schools, Hartford.

I refer briefly to the work accomplished by the Ruth Wyllys Chapter of Hartford.

You are aware of the main fact that Ruth Wyllys Chapter has succeeded in making the way clear, clean, and wholesome, and opening to the light of publicity the ancient burying-ground of Hartford, where lie the bodies of Thomas Hooker and his band of sturdy supporters who fixed upon the nation the idea that government of the people shall be by the consent of the people; but few of you can know the largeness of that undertaking, the difficulties that were overcome at every forward step, and the untiring energy of the Regent of that Chapter, Mrs. John M. Holcombe, relentlessly pursuing the object she had in view. If any man of my knowledge in Hartford had undertaken the task, there would have been nothing left of him but the footprints of those who had stepped upon him.

This Daughter of the American Revolution had the dynamic force of good patriotic ancestors in her veins, and official boards and public men and court committees and obdurate property-owners all bowed to the persuasiveness of Mrs. Holcombe. One of the greatest improvements that Hartford has known for years was accomplished.

From The Mail and Express, New York.

Ruin and forgetfulness stamped the past when this Chapter of brave women, under the guidance of their Regent, started for what is now the glory of Hartford, the miracle of restoration.

Established in 1640, and until 1803 Hartford's only place of burial, where the dust of generations mingled with Mother Earth, the march of commerce and the growth of the city had placed almost the seal of forgetfulness on these silent representatives of Hartford's start to its present glory.

The burying-ground was fast becoming a memory, the locked gates admitted of no chance visitors—only those who came to the city with a fixed purpose took the trouble necessary to enter.

Only those who, like myself, visited this home of the great dead in its decay, can form the slightest idea of the obstacles in the way to its restoration, the gigantic work to be done, the blessing that has followed every effort.

Gold Street, a former eyesore to the city, is now widened and redeemed, the Chapter's gift to the people of Hartford on the memorable Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1899.

Extract from the Mayor's Message, 1900.

The 17th of June, 1899, will be remembered for many years to come by the people of our beautiful city. On that day Mrs. John M. Holcombe, Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented to His Honor Mayor Preston, in behalf of the city, the deeds of the property on the north side of Gold Street. What had been for the past fifty years a nuisance and an eyesore in the center of the city had been cleared away, and instead thereof a beautiful street appeared, opening to view the old cemetery where the remains of Thomas Hooker and the founders of Hartford slumber. The Putnam Phalanx, parading in full uniform with martial music, by their presence added much to the occasion.

TABLET UNVEILED.

Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held a general meeting at the rooms of the Connecticut Historical Society, June 13, 1901, and at the conclusion of the session unveiled the tablet at the Haynes entrance to the Old Center Church Burying-ground, which has been placed there in commemoration of the Chapter's work and that of the Regent, Mrs. Holcombe, in securing the restoration of this ancient ground. The tablet was designed by J. Massey Rhind.

After the meeting the ladies assembled at the Haynes entrance to the old cemetery, on Gold Street, where the formalities of unveiling the tablet took place. They were conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Rodgers Smith, the Honorary State Regent, and by the State Regent, Mrs. Sara Thompson Kinney. The exercises were of the simplest nature.

Mrs. Smith made an address as follows :

TO THE RUTH WYLLYS CHAPTER, D. A. R.:

Ladies,—I can scarcely express the pleasure it gives me to meet you again after so many years of my absence from the country, and particularly to meet you upon such an occasion, when the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, guided by the energy, the quick and active mind, and the perseverance against all obstacles, of its Regent, has done so much for the city of Hartford, and for the State of Connecticut—indeed, I believe there can hardly be a State in our country in which does not reside at least one person who can trace, with pride, his or her descent from one of the "noble army" laid at rest in the now redeemed and purified spot which has so long been a blot upon civilization. I feel that those whose memories we commemorate look upon our proceedings this day with pleasure like our own, and fully share in our feelings.

When I received a letter from Washington, requesting me to form a chapter of D. A. R. in Hartford, I first studied the early records of Hartford for the names of those who had helped to make our country famous, so that I might first call their descendants to the front. When the little band presented itself the day our Chapter came into existence, and I gave it a name honored in the city and State, we pledged ourselves to carry out the unsullied reputation of those who had fought and died for the country they loved, and the example they had left us. When I nominated our Regent for the office she has so nobly filled, I builded even better than I knew, and now I can scarcely express my pride and delight in the almost incredible success which has resulted from that meeting, owing to the efforts, the zeal, and persevering energy of a woman to whom the whole of Hartford may say "Blessed art thou among women." I thank and congratulate the Regent, the Board of Managers, and all the ladies of the Chapter, for the noble work they have done, and say, with all my heart, God bless and prosper the Ruth Wyllys Chapter. As He has already done, so may He ever do.

Mrs. Sara T. Kinney of New Haven, State Regent of the D. A. R., paid the following tribute to the work of Ruth Wyllys Chapter :

The last scene in a certain noble historic drama comes to its close with the unveiling of this memorial, which is placed here to commemorate the restoration of the "Ancient Burying-ground, where the founders of Hartford and the makers of the Constitution of Connecticut" sleep their last sleep, and to "Honor the devotion, courage, and ability of the Regent of Ruth Wyllys Chapter," under whose leadership this splendid commemorative work has been accomplished.

For four years this Chapter has labored diligently, enthusiastically, and hopefully. Its work has been carried on not only with great zeal, which is perhaps a common enough attribute among men and women, but with such gracious tact, good judgment, and rare executive ability

as to disarm possible criticism from those who fail to comprehend that the desire of an individual, a society, or a community to restore the desolations of many generations indicates the existence of a reverential spirit which is always part and parcel of the highest civilization.

Your splendid achievement, ladies, is not a matter for Chapter felicitations only. The descendants of the founders of Hartford and the makers of the constitution of Connecticut are almost as numerous as the sands of the sea, and they are scattered broadcast throughout the land.

Their eyes have been upon you; they have watched the progress of your efforts, and they rejoice with you to-day in the knowledge that—at last—this sacred "God's Acre" has been restored to its original condition of quiet and stately beauty. You have builded better than you knew, for this commemorative work, begun in the name of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, is now a part of the history of this city and of the State of Connecticut, and in a very real sense it may be said to belong to the nation as well, since there is not one State in the Union where men and women may not be found who can point to this ancient burying-ground and say: "My forefathers sleep in that hallowed spot."

I bring to the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, and especially to you, Madam Regent, the hearty congratulations of every Chapter in the State of Connecticut. Ladies, your labor of love is finished.

Should you never again undertake another historical or commemorative effort, either great or small, your right to the honorable title of Daughters of the American Revolution will find its full justification here, and the story thereof is told in the lasting bronze which we unveil to-day.

This tablet has very properly been placed upon the outer gates that inclose and shelter this peaceful spot from the ebb and flow of the city's busy life and restless activities. You surely have good authority for so placing it. Are we not told to "write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth"?

Wayfaring men and women, even as they run, may here read an answer to the occasional question from those who are not of the elect, and who ask, "What is this Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution? What is its *raison d'être*? What has been done by the Connecticut Daughters, and what are they doing?" The Ancient Burying-ground of Hartford, as we see it to-day, answers this question.

The Chapter then adjourned to Gold Street, and the tablet, which is of bronze, was unveiled. It bears as an ornament, in strong relief, the spinning-wheel emblem of the D. A. R., and immediately beneath is this inscription:

1640
Ruth Wyllys Chapter
of the
Daughters of the American Revolution
erects this tablet
To Commemorate the Restoration of the
Ancient Burying Ground
Where Rest the Remains of
The Founders of Hartford, and the
Makers of the Constitution of Connecticut
and to honor
The Devotion, Courage, and Ability of
the Regent of the Chapter
Mrs. Emily Seymour Goodwin Holcombe
under whose leadership the
Unworthy Surroundings Have Been Removed
and both the Burial Place
and Gold Street
Transformed
1900

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RESTORATION

OF THE

ANCIENT BURYING-GROUND

OF HARTFORD

AND THE

WIDENING OF GOLD STREET

BY THE

RUTH WYLLYS CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*And they shall
build the old
wastes.
They shall raise
up the former
desolations."*

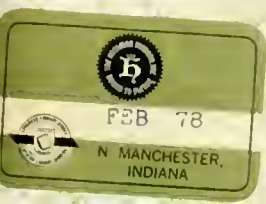


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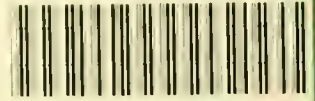
*"And
they shall repair
the desolations
of many
generations."*
Isaiah 61-4.

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